

## ***The French Agent*** **Book Club Questions**



1. Did you find Sabine a sympathetic character? Why or why not?
2. After the Second World War, the responsibility for helping returned military servicemen settle back into society was put largely on the shoulders of their wives. Do you think that was a fair burden considering some of the veterans were clearly traumatised? Do you think veterans and their families get the support they need today?
3. The main characters in *The French Agent* are all keeping a secret of some sort. Whose secret surprised you most when they revealed it?
4. Nature plays an important part in the novel. Diana says that natural beauty is the best antidote to war and other horrors. Do you agree with her?
5. What did you think of the 'green suburb' that Harry and Diana hoped to create? Would you like to live in such a suburb?
6. Australia is among the worst eleven countries for deforestation and has the highest rate of wildlife extinctions. What does Australia need to do better to meet the needs of a growing population while at the same time taking care of its natural environment?
7. What themes and recurring motifs did you notice in the novel?
8. What do you see in store for each of the main characters? What would you like to see happen to them in the future?