Discussion Questions for *Oil and Honey* by Bill McKibben

1. Did you learn anything? If so, what was the most surprising thing you learned?

2. Did the book make you think about honey or the issue of global warming in a new way?

3. Did you feel the book was well researched and accurate?

4. How did you find the pace of the book?

5. Do you think the combination of oil and honey worked in this book?

6. McKibben talks about the issue of travelling, and burning fuel, to discuss climate change. Do you feel this is an issue? Should environmentalists practice what they preach when it comes to energy use, or do you agree with McKibben?

   One reason I find it hard to ask people to come to D.C. and get arrested: part of me thinks, strongly, we should stay home. Or at least that I should.

   Yes, because it takes energy to travel. Yes, it has, in fact, occurred to me that there’s something remarkably ironic about my flying around the world to build a climate movement. I do it because I think the math works: if we can stop Keystone, that’s nine hundred thousand barrels a day for the fifty-year life of the pipeline. But it always nags at me, that surge of power at the top of the runway as the jet engines guzzle fuel to get us aloft. (p. 21)

7. Should McKibben have included more or less science (formulas, equations, flow-charts, etc.) in the text?

8. Were you inspired by McKibben’s experiences?

9. What did you find to be the most interesting part of the book? The least interesting?

10. Has anyone had any experiences that relate to the book? Has anyone been arrested while protesting?

11. Do you have questions that weren’t answered? If yes, what are they?

12. Are there any additional comments you would like to share?