

Discussion Questions for *Cold Comfort Farm* by Stella Gibbons

(Some questions taken or adapted from www.bookrags.com/studyguide-cold-comfort-farm/topicsfordiscussion.html/)

1. Did you like the book cover and title? Did they accurately portray the book inside?
2. What is the author trying to achieve with her parody of rural country life?
3. How does the descriptive language add to the humor and satire? Or does it?
4. Did you find the dialog in the story realistic?
5. Did you find the characters believable? Which of the characters did you like the most? Which did you dislike?
6. Why do you think the author chose to give her heroine, Flora Poste, the least growth or change compared to the other characters in the novel?
7. What did you think of the plot line development? How credible did the author make the plot? Did the plot take turns you did not expect, or did you find it predictable?
8. In what ways is nature used to typify characters such as Seth, Meriam, and Elfine?
9. Sukebind is a recurring motif. When does it appear in the novel and what does it seem to represent in those instances?
10. How does gender play a part in terms of power, control, and traditional roles?
11. In what ways are the main characters stereotypical and in what ways do they break their archetypes?
12. Several "secrets" remain unanswered by the end of the novel, such as what Aunt Ada saw in the woodshed, what Flora's rights were, and what wrong was done to Flora's father. Were you disappointed that these questions were never answered?
13. Any comments about the way the book ended?
14. Are there questions you would like to ask?