

## *I Was In Love With a Short Man Once:*

### **Book Club Discussion Questions**

1. Did you enjoy the book? Why? Why not?
2. What was unique about the book settings and how did they enhance or take away from any of the stories? For example, to appreciate any of the stories based in D.C., do you feel you need to have lived in the D.C. area? How about the stories based in Florida?
3. What themes did the author emphasize throughout the book? What do you think she was trying to convey to the reader?
4. Do the individuals portrayed in the book seem real and believable? Can you relate to their predicaments? To what extent do they remind you of yourself or someone you know?
5. In what ways do the events in the book reveal evidence of the author's world/life view?
6. Did certain parts of the book make you uncomfortable? If so, why did you feel that way? Did this lead to a new understanding or awareness of some aspect of your life you might not have thought about before?
7. The author tends to get herself into more than one embarrassing situation. What's the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you that you would be willing to share with others?
8. The book is written from the perspective of a woman over age 40. Do you think that only women over 40 will enjoy/understand this book, or would others appreciate it too? Why or why not?
9. Who was the "short man?" Did it matter?
10. Would you recommend this book to other readers? To your close friend?