

**NANCY:**



Our book club decided to read some fun books for awhile and this certainly fit the bill. A little romance, a little mystery and a bumbling blonde named Bubbles who seems as outrageous as she is an unlikely feminist seeking to make a better living as an investigative journalist, moving beyond her regular job as a beautician. I laughed at her adventures and will probably read more in this series when I need a light read.



**PRISCILLA:** I like a story about a beauty shop, from a woman's point of view, you know? And I like all these characters being ladies. Getting All made up and such. That's fun. She was a little much at times for a good church going lady like me, though.



**SALLIE:** Well once again we see life isn't all that for the rich kids. You know there's a lot more in this book than meets the eye. In between the laughs the author is saying quite a lot. Don't be fooled with the dumb blonde jokes!



**ABIGAIL:** I have some stereotypes about people like Bubbles. So far away from my comfort zone. We Quakers aren't into that ostentatious stuff. But always I need to be reminded I shouldn't hide behind judgements against people who do life differently than me. I think this is the value of the book for me. It splits my stereotypes wide open. Great job, Sarah!



**MOLLY:** Whew what a bunch of discrimination in this story. Bubbles makes you laugh through it all, but what struck me was that this story really is quite a social commentary on American life. The rich get away with murder literally, until here comes Bubbles! She needs to set her sights on the African Americans next. Whites have been murdering us for generations without punishment.



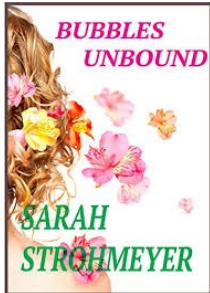
**KATHARINE:** Okay. What a tale this author weaves. Not quite my cup of tea. But it did make me laugh. I don't want to read this genre forever, but it did remind me to lighten up.



**JANE:** What an enterprising lady, this Bubbles. She's my kind of gal. I enjoyed her spunk. The author created a strong character here. This books makes me think. A ditzy blonde is a lot more than she may appear!



# Discussion Guide



## About the Book

Book Title: Bubbles Unbound

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## Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
  2. How often do you go to a beauty shop? Have you ever gone to one like the one where Bubbles worked? Explain.
  3. What do you think about the way the author created the Bubbles character? Do you like the character? How is she a stereotype? How does she break the stereotype?
  4. The author first wrote *Barbie Unbound: A Parody of the Barbie Obsession* in 1997. This book "Satirically explores Barbie dolls in different guises and professions, including Grunge Barbie, PMS Barbie, Virginia Slims Barbie, Barbie Antoinette, and Anita Hill Barbie." She has said that she wrote that book "in response to her seeing several mothers refuse to allow their children to play with the doll due to it being perceived as being a bimbo." Does this change your thoughts about Bubbles Unbound? Why or why not?
  5. What did you enjoy about this book? Does the author do humor well? Why or why not?
  6. How would you rate this book as mystery? Did the mystery part of the book unfold like you think a good mystery should? Why or why not?
  7. What do you think were the author's goals in writing this book?
  8. If you wrote a mystery to make people laugh, what would you write?
  9. Read over the MAMs comments on the book. Which of them do you most agree with and why?
  10. In what ways, if any, will this change your life or perspective?
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