



ALLIGATOR CREEK

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The questions below are appropriate for discussion of the entire book, *Alligator Creek*. You may choose the questions to use in your discussions, or edit them in any way that you think appropriate for your club. I am also available to answer your questions. Please contact me on my website www.AlligatorCreekBook.com with questions or comments. I would love to hear from you.

Good reading and good luck! -- Lottie Guttry, author

1. Give examples of how the characters grow and/or change throughout the book: Sarah, Alex, Bart, and Margaret.
2. Discuss Sarah and Alex's complex relationship, both its positive and negative aspects as it changes through the book.
3. Discuss Sarah's relationships with her children. Look specifically at Chapter 10 (the family church service) and Chapter 28 (swimming the swollen stream).
4. Sarah's "swimming the swollen stream with each child" (Chapter 28) is a major part of the author's family story that led to the book. Why do you think this event is important to the family?
5. Compare and contrast these topics as they exist today with the conditions described in the book in the 1860's—give examples:
 - a. Communication
 - b. Transportation
 - c. Customs and Attitudes
 - d. Warfare
 - e. PTSD
6. Discuss Sarah's and Alex's relationships with Hannah and Industrious.
7. Discuss Sarah's faith, her relationship with God, and the impact on her decisions and actions.
8. What is your favorite scene, passage, or chapter in *Alligator Creek*? Why?
9. What did you learn from *Alligator Creek*?