

Out of Time Discussion Questions

1. Out of Time is a mixture of genres including romance, mystery, time travel and paranormal. Did you think they mixed well together? Was it a successful mash-up or a mix-up?
2. Events in the past shaped not only the plot, but the characters. How did Simon's past make him the man he is? What about Elizabeth? How did your past shape you?
3. Did the characters change over the course of the book? If so, how?
4. Out of Time takes place at the end of the Jazz Age. What was your favorite thing about the period? Least favorite? What do you wish Simon and Elizabeth had done?
5. Elizabeth wanted to see a Yankees game. If you had traveled back to 1929 New York, what would be on your "must do" list?
6. Out of Time contains themes of redemption, faith and the power of love. What theme do you associate with which characters and why?
7. When counseling Simon and Elizabeth, Father Fitzpatrick says, "God is simply that - love." How does that apply to their relationship? To other characters?
8. Simon Cross loves Elizabeth, but he's afraid to be loved by her. Why? How does this affect their relationship?
9. Elizabeth uses humor throughout the book. What was your favorite line/part?
10. "Such a fragile thing, so easily extinguished. But even a small flame can light the darkness." What does that mean to you? How did this idea present itself in the book?
11. King Kashian has a dark past. When did you first suspect the truth of who he was? What was the first clue?
12. When Simon is searching for Elizabeth, someone finds him. Did you know who it was before his name was revealed?
13. If you had Simon's pocket watch, where and when would you go? Why?
14. If you were a time traveler would you be able to resist changing things? If not, what would you change? Did Simon and Elizabeth change anything?
15. If Out of Time were a movie, who would you like to see playing each part?

BONUS - Drinking Game Suggestion: Drink every time Simon says "Miss West" or "Elizabeth". (For advanced users only)