

## READERS GROUP QUESTIONS FOR *THE COTTAGE ON JUNIPER RIDGE*

1. When we meet Jen Heath she's overcommitted and stressed out. Could you identify with those feelings?
2. Do you think Jen was too hasty in her decision to move and try to simplify her life?
3. How typical do you think Toni's home life was?
4. Stacy Thomas had an overabundance of things. Could you identify with her?
5. Have you ever gotten rid of something you shouldn't have?
6. It's hard to let go of sentimental items when a loved one dies. Do you approve or disapprove of how Stacy resolved her problem of what to do with her grandmother's treasures? And why?
7. How do you deal with excess stuff?
8. Throughout the book Garrett Armstrong was determined to play it safe romantically? Do you think that's a wise decision? Understandable considering his circumstances?
9. Was Jen a "poacher"?
10. Chita Arness was trying to balance her life as a single working mother and volunteer. Could you identify with her story? How do you balance your life?
11. The Icicle Falls Book Club got inspired to make changes in their lives after reading Muriel Sterling's book *Simplicity*. Have you ever read a book that inspired you to change your life? If so, what was it and how were you inspired?