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THE BOHEMIANS

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1. Did you enjoy the book? Rate it from 1 - 5.
2. Were you familiar with Dorothea Lange before reading *The Bohemians*? What were you surprised to learn about her?
3. How does Dorothea and Caroline's relationship evolve? How do they complement each others as characters? How do they learn from and change one another? Do you have a familiar friendship in your life?
4. Even though the story takes place more than 100 years ago there are many current events that mirror Dorothea's life - from the Spanish Flu pandemic to racist political campaign to violence against women. What did you think when reading about these events?
5. The 1920s and the Bohemian lifestyle have been widely romanticized, inspiring fashion and serving as party themes during your own times. Did the novel's treatment of this time match your vision of the 1920's? Do you see it differently now?
6. Who was the most interesting historical person you met in the novel? Was there someone you felt you'd like to know better?
7. Why do you think so many artists were drawn to San Francisco at this time?
8. Marriage was difficult for Dorothea and Maynard. Why do you think they couldn't make it work? Were they doomed from the start? What red flags did she ignore?
9. Was Dorothea a woman ahead of her time? Look up some of her photographs to look at together, including the famous "Migrant Mother" image and discuss why you believe it resonated so deeply with so many people and still remains one of the most recognizable images in the history of photography.