

## Chili Con Corpses Discussion Questions

1. Early in the book, the reader learns that James and his friends are tired of eating diet food. Did you ever give up on a certain diet because you got bored of the food choices?
2. Folks seem to pass judgment of the Willis sisters based on their looks. How are Kinsley and Parker assessed upon first glance? Do you think there is more to these young women than meets the eye?
3. Have you ever taken a tour of a cave? If so, how did you feel down in those dark depths? How does the cave setting increase immoral behavior in Chili Con Corpses?
4. The relationship between James and Lucy grows more and more strained as the book progresses. What are some of the factors causing such trouble for this couple?
5. Animals are important catalysts in Chili Con Corpses. Give an example of how an animal propels the plot forward.
6. Jackson Henry is becoming less gruff and reclusive with each supper club installment. How has he further softened his hard edges in Chili Con Corpses?
7. At what point did you begin to doubt that Gary (Kinsley's boyfriend) was such a stand up guy?
8. James gave Murphy quite an unusual and creative Christmas gift. Have you ever given (or been the recipient of) a gift specifically customized for someone you cared about? Do they (or you) still own the gift?
9. The lottery ticket subplot created a minor mystery. How did you feel about having to keep track of two very different mysteries? Did the lottery ticket add anything to the narrative or not?
10. What changes would you like to see in James' future? Do you think he's chosen the right woman?
11. Who is your favorite character? Why?
12. Did any of the food described in Chili Con Corpses produce some cravings in you? Did you or do you plan on cooking any of the book's recipes? (Don't worry if your answer is 'no.' It counts if you just make a pitcher of margaritas and share them with some friends!)