



Pushing the Limits of Heritage Suggested Reading and Discussion Questions

Heritage...it's who and where we come from. And why it matters. Our personal past shapes our identity, grounding us in a culture and a place. But the speed of modern life dims that sense of belonging. It erodes old traditions and disrupts our ancestors' land. Each generation loses more of their origin story. And rebuilding those bonds can take years of effort.

The Royal Nanny

Karen Harper, Fiction. Based on a seldom-told true story, this novel is perfect for everyone who is fascinated by Britain's royal family - a behind the scenes look into the nurseries of little princes and the foibles of big princes.

April, 1897: A young nanny arrives at Sandringham, ancestral estate of the Duke and Duchess of York. She is excited, exhausted—and about to meet royalty. . . .So begins the unforgettable story of Charlotte Bill, who would care for a generation of royals as their parents never could. Neither Charlotte - LaLa, as her charges dub her - nor anyone else can predict that eldest sons David and Bertie will each one day be king. LaLa knows only that these children, and the four who swiftly follow, need her steadfast loyalty and unconditional affection.

But the greatest impact on Charlotte's life is made by a mere bud on the family tree: a misunderstood soul who will one day be known as the Lost Prince. Young Prince John needs all of LaLa's love - the kind of love his parents won't...or can't...show him. - *goodreads.com*

- The royal marriages of Edward, Alexandra and George may have unique arrangements. Is this just because “the royals and very rich are different,” is it the result of arranged marriages, or is it just a product of a stricter, different time?
- Recently, there's been upheaval over big-game hunting. Why do you think this sport was such an important part of their lives and heritage during the time of this book? What kind of changes have happened in the environment in England that has changed this?
- How do you define “motherhood?” Is it only biological, or can it be more? Do you consider LaLa a mother? Has that thinking changed over time due to changes in science?

