

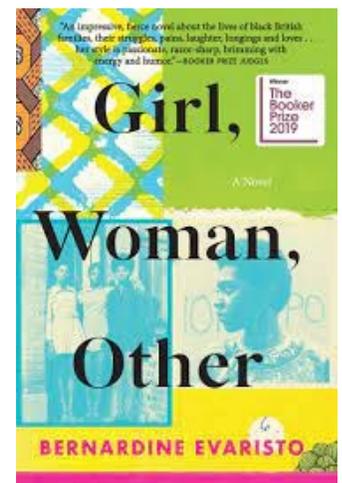


Girl, Woman, Other

Bernardine Evaristo

Discussion Questions

- 1) Evaristo says that she has no problem acknowledging herself as a Black British woman and writing from this perspective. Which fictional character in the book do you think has the most or least awareness of their own personal identity?
- 2) Which character in the text has the greatest sense of 'entitlement'? Why do you think this?
- 3) Which relationship in the book do you find most credible and why? Which relationship do you find least credible and why?
- 4) What 'social' or 'political' issue did you feel you became more knowledgeable about after reading the book?
- 5) The stories of the women in the book frequently overlap, yet it is possible to read the different sections as mini-books in their own right. To what extent do you think the whole text needs to be read to truly understand the issues explored in it.
- 6) How sympathetically do you think men are portrayed in the novel? Do you have any comment about whether they are under represented in the text, which is a criticism that could be made about the book.
- 7) Shirley's mother sleeps with her husband and is never found out? How did you respond to this betrayal?
- 8) There are many betrayals in the book. What, in your opinion do you think is the greatest betrayal and why?
- 9) Would this book have won the Booker ten years ago? Why or why not?





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About the Author

British writer **Bernardine Evaristo** is the author of numerous works that span the genres of verse fiction, short fiction, poetry, essays, literary criticism, journalism, and radio and theatre drama. She is a longstanding activist for inclusion in the arts, initiating many successful projects to address the under-representation of people of colour. Her writing and projects are based around her interest in the African diaspora. She is a Professor of Creative Writing at Brunel University London. Bernardine's novel ***Girl, Woman, Other*** won the Booker Prize 2019, the first black woman and black British person to win it in its fifty year history.

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