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Samantha: The Next Chapter

by Fiona Davis



About the Book

From American Girl and *New York Times* bestselling author Fiona Davis comes the next chapter of Samantha Parkington's story --- now an adult searching for justice after her legacy is stolen in New York City in 1920.

It?s 1920, and 25-year-old Samantha Parkington is working hard to educate women in New York about suffrage and encourage them to vote in their first presidential election that fall. But when Samantha?s large inheritance, including her childhood Mount Bedford home, is stolen in a shocking scheme, she goes from socialite to shop girl overnight and experiences a very different side of New York City living in a boarding house.

Searching for clues regarding the theft of her inheritance, Samantha infiltrates the business of a notorious criminal in New York City. Determined as ever, she will do whatever it takes to find answers and save her family?s legacy.

Discussion Guide

1. Samantha begins the novel as an educator and suffragist, dedicating herself to helping women understand the importance of voting. How does her commitment to public service shape every decision she makes throughout the story?

2. Samantha often chooses the harder path instead of the safer one. Was there a moment when you wanted her to make a different choice?

3. Grief is woven throughout the story --- not only Samantha's grief for Grandmary, but the lingering loss of her parents and the sacrifices made by many of the characters. How does grief change Samantha? How does it ultimately strengthen her?

4. The women in Samantha's life each define success differently. Which character's outlook felt most relatable to you,

and why?

5. What surprised you most about life in New York City in 1920? Was there a historical detail that stayed with you after you finished the book?

6. The fight for women's suffrage is celebrated in the novel, but Samantha also learns that winning the vote did not mean everyone had equal access to voting. Why do you think this distinction is so important?

7. Many characters struggle between honoring tradition and embracing change. Which perspective did you find yourself sympathizing with most?

8. Historical fiction often asks readers to imagine how ordinary people lived through extraordinary moments in history. Which historical event or detail in the novel fascinated you the most?

9. Without revealing spoilers to future readers, what do you think Samantha learns about herself by the end of the novel? How has she changed from the young woman we meet in the opening chapters?

10. If you could ask Fiona Davis one question about writing Samantha's next chapter, what would it be?

Author Bio

Fiona Davis is the *New York Times* bestselling author of several historical fiction novels set in iconic New York City buildings, including THE STOLEN QUEEN, THE MAGNOLIA PALACE, THE ADDRESS and THE LIONS OF FIFTH AVENUE, which was a Good Morning America book club pick. She's also the author of SAMANTHA: THE NEXT CHAPTER, the first legacy novel for American Girl. Her articles have appeared in publications like *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Oprah Magazine*.

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