

Crimson Rose Discussion Questions

1. Was it disorienting viewing the other characters, especially Letty, from Mary's point of view?
2. With whom did you empathize more, Mary or Letty? Why?
3. How do you think Mary and Letty grew up in the same household but turned out so differently?
4. Both Mary and Vaughn are very strong-willed individuals who prefer to remain in control—do you feel that either has the upper hand in the relationship? Does the power dynamic between them change over the course of the novel?
5. What makes Mary and Vaughn distinct from the characters in the previous Pink Carnation novels?
6. Do you think that Vaughn loved his first wife? How did that relationship shape his character?
7. What did you think about the identity of the Black Tulip? Were his motivations a surprise to you? Were they believable?
8. Did you think Mary was an effective spy? Why or why not?
9. If you were Eloise, would you be put off by Colin's moodiness? Or are his mysterious mood swings part of his appeal?
10. Do you think Colin is who he says he is? Or do you still believe there's a secret he's hiding?