

## The House By The Lake Reading Group Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn about German history?
2. What did you think of Will Meisel, good guy/ bad guy?
3. Which character were you most connected with and why?
4. What surprised you most about this story?
5. What is the difference between a house and a home?
6. What would it have been like to live a 'normal life' next to the Wall?
7. How is history personal?
8. What role did nature play in the story and how did it change over time?
9. What should happen with the house now?
10. Who did you most dislike in the story and why?
11. The author's journey was included in the story, what did you think of that?
12. What did you make of Wolfgang Kuhne?
13. What role did the house play as a character in the book?
14. What were the differences between Otto Wollank and his son-in-law Robert Schultz?
15. Who do you think should have got the house back? Were you happy with the ending?

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