



## The Gentleman Poet

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### Questions for Discussion

1. What was the intended destination of the *Sea Venture*, and why didn't the ship reach it?
2. Can you speculate as to the medical cause of Elizabeth Person's headaches?
3. What evidence do we see in the story that William Strachey isn't who he claims to be?
4. What events in the story, which occur in particular during the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> century, led to the loss of Elizabeth's family? (Hint: One involves religion; another has to do with disease.)
5. Several members of the original 150 people on board the ship never made it to Jamestown. Why?
6. What talent does Elizabeth/Miranda discover that she possesses, and how does she use it to help others and, ultimately, build for herself a new life?
7. Can you think of alternate endings for this novel?
8. After reading this novel, do you think you might enjoy reading Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, or perhaps like to see the play performed?