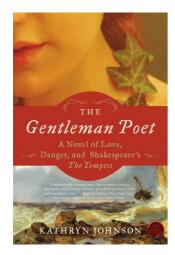


Reading Guide



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^{th} and early 17^{th} 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?