

BIRD'S EYE VIEW, DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1. Do you have a personal connection with the Second World War, through family or friends? Did you think about a real person while reading the book?**
- 2. The author attempted to create a wartime atmosphere with descriptions of clothing, music, and language. Did the time period feel authentic? Was there a detail that you remember in particular?**
- 3. During wartime, the only contact between family members was through mail. Do you think the author used letters effectively to move the story along?**
- 4. Was the plot predictable? What plot twist most surprised you?**
- 5. In the book Rose does something that she later bitterly regrets. Did you find her actions Believable?**
- 6. Did the happy or tragic incidents in the book evoke an emotional**
- 7. response?**
- 8. Did the book change your perception of women's contribution to the war effort?**
- 9. The book described life on the home front as well as overseas. Were you aware of the extent to which civilians participated?**
- 10. Did the book change your view of Canada's role in the Second World War?**
- 11. Can you pick out a scene that struck you as particularly profound or interesting?**
- 12. If you could ask the author one question, what would you ask? Elinor welcomes all questions, and answers every email!**

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