

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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