



A YEAR OF MARVELLOUS WAYS

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1. The book contains a lot of magic realism - does this make you feel like the book is based in the real world or would you say it is fantasy?
2. Marvellous had three loves in her life but none of them lasted long. Do you think she died with pain or regret? Why?
3. Drake made a promise of delivering the letter to a soldier he knew for a few minutes. Do you think without the letter he would have returned to the UK? What significance did the letter hold in his life?
4. None of the main characters really knew their parents and yet they insisted on going back and finding out more. What connection do we have to our family history? Why do all the characters want to see the face of their parent?
5. What do you think happened to Missy? Why could she not be with Freddy?
6. Peace was unsure if she should be with Drake or with Ned and ended up looking for the answer with the egg white. Did you think she would have been with Drake or Ned?

7. What is the novel's attitude to death? How did you identify with this?
8. 'What we are looking for is not consistency but excellence' Peace is told this when she is learning to bake bread. How do you think this affects the characters? Do you agree with this sentiment?
9. Marvellous spent many years waiting - did she isolate herself from society or did society isolate her? Do we have members in our community that we think are a little 'odd'?

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