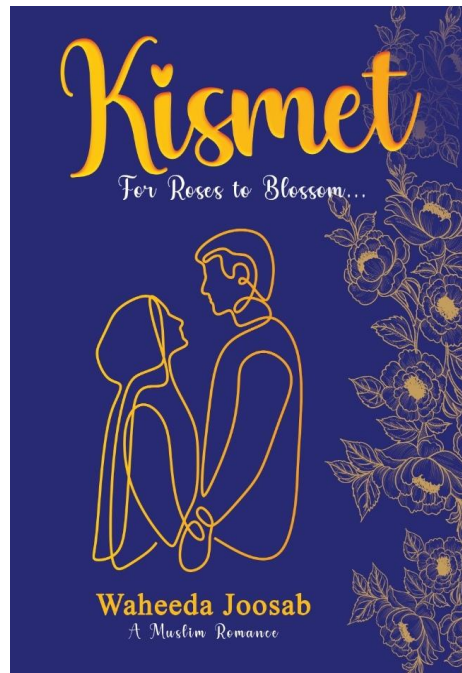


Kismet

For roses to blossom...



Book Club Resource #1

Discussion questions

As salaamu 'Alaikum (May peace be upon you)

Hi there,

Thank you for choosing *Kismet - For roses to blossom...* My debut novel. I hope you enjoy reading the book as much as I have enjoyed the writing and publishing journey thus far.

Before we get to the questions you asked for...

Are you a member of a book club?

If so, I also offer a comprehensive meeting kit [here](#) which you can use to create an exciting Kismet-themed book meeting. Included in the kit are:

- a suggested agenda
- Kismet-inspired' snack suggestions
- a slide presentation about the book and author
- Printable discussion cards [with bonus questions](#)
- printable Kismet-inspired journaling pages
- and a few other surprises
- It also includes a live Q&A session with me (if time zones permit, alternatively, a pre-recorded session can be arranged), and
- Bulk discounts of signed paperbacks apply for your book club members
- Kindly send an email to info@whatwaysays.co.za with details of your club, approximate date/time of the Kismet meeting, and any other handy information. I will be in touch with links to the kit and to arrange a tailor-made Q&A session especially for your club.
- Please do not hesitate to let me know how else I can serve your book club

Sign up for updates

If you enjoyed Kismet, you may like my upcoming novel! Keep in touch with me by [signing up for my monthly newsletter](#) where I share tidbits about my life, some wellness tips, spiritual upliftment and updates about my writing.

Keep scrolling for the discussion questions you asked for! I hope they lead to lively, wholesome discussions within your friends group. I would love to hear what your friends have to say. Please consider tagging me (@waheeda_joosab) on Instagram, Facebook or TikTok when sharing your thoughts and reviews.

All the best!

Waheeda Joosab

Discussion questions for *Kismet - For Roses to blossom...*

1. What were your initial impressions of Ahmed and Zainub as characters? How did your perception of them change as you read the book?
2. Ahmed is described as having "red flags" in his behavior. Do you agree with this assessment? How do you think his past experiences and family dynamics influenced his actions and attitudes towards marriage?
3. Zainub dropped out of medical school to care for her father. How did her decision impact her character development throughout the story? What do you think motivated her to make that sacrifice?
4. Compare and contrast Ahmed and Zainub's personalities and values at the beginning and end of the book. How did they grow and evolve as individuals?
5. The epilogue mentions emotional infidelity and other challenges in Ahmed and Zainub's relationship. How do these challenges reflect real-life issues that couples often face? Did you find their struggles relatable?
6. The author describes Kismet as a story based on reality. How did this realism affect your reading experience, especially in comparison to more typical romance novels with fairy-tale endings?
7. In Kismet, the idea of working hard in a marriage to achieve true romance is emphasized. Do you agree with this message? How do Ahmed and Zainub's journey reflect the importance of effort and commitment in a relationship?
8. The title of the book, "For Roses to Blossom," implies that beauty can emerge from difficult circumstances. How did this theme play out in the story, and what other examples of growth and transformation did you notice in the characters' lives?
9. Discuss the role of family and cultural expectations in the story. How did these factors influence Ahmed and Zainub's decisions and actions?
10. If you were in a similar situation to Ahmed and Zainub, how would you handle the challenges they faced in their marriage? What lessons can be learned from their experiences?
11. What did you think of the ending of the book? Did it meet your expectations, or were you surprised by the direction the story took?
12. If you could change one thing about the story or the characters, what would it be, and why?
13. How did the author use symbolism, such as the metaphor of "watering the thorns so that roses may blossom," to convey deeper themes in the story? What other symbols or motifs did you notice in the book?
14. Overall, what message or lessons do you think the author intended readers to take away from Kismet - For roses to blossom? Did the story achieve its purpose?