

### Book Club Questions for BRAVE HEARTS

1. Is duty more important than love?
2. Discuss your approval - or disapproval - of Catharine, Jack, Spencer and Peggy.
3. Priscilla's Redmond's social mask is lost in the terror of a bombing raid. She cries out for what she never knew. If faced with sudden death, what would be your greatest regret?
4. Spencer obsesses over the safety of the gold entrusted to him. Is this admirable? Or sad?
5. The missionary wives draw away from Catharine. Their disapproval is understandable. If they knew the entirety of Catharine and Spencer's reality, might they feel differently?
6. Why is it important to remember the Blitz and the fall of Corregidor and Bataan?
7. Catharine helps Spencer on the sheer mountain trail. What does this illustrate?
8. On Bataan, Jack realizes: Love was the only reality in life. Do you agree?
9. The battling bastards of Bataan - no Momma, no Poppa, no Uncle Sam - knew they were doomed but they kept on fighting. Londoners during the Blitz kept to their usual routine. The only reference to bombing victims in death notices was the notation: Died suddenly . . . What does this tell us about national character?
10. Is Catharine an honorable woman?
11. How will Catharine remember Spencer?
12. Most decent people do the best they can. Imperfect and sometimes unwise, they make decisions that have profound impact on the lives of others. Consider how

decisions by Catharine, Jack, Spencer and Peggy change the course of others' lives.