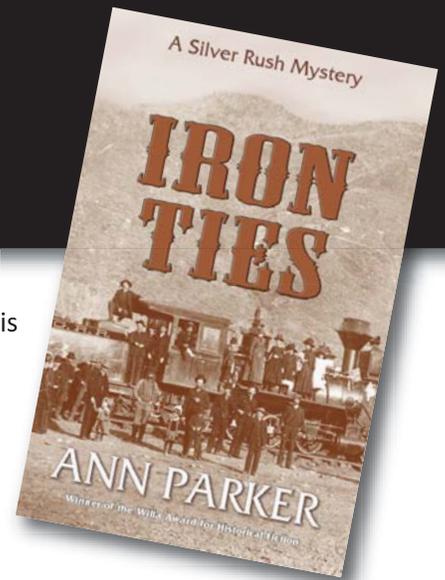


Iron Ties Reader Questions

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1. The main character, Inez Stannert, owns a saloon in Leadville, Colorado. Who is her partner? When does the story take place? What is the primary activity in Leadville of the times?
2. Describe the daily activities through commerce that are mentioned. Are there significant events taking place?
3. Who is Susan and what happened to her?
4. Who are the Holts and the Professor?
5. What is a lot jumper? Who is at risk from them?
6. Who is Bart Hollis?
7. Name several of the main character's emotional conflicts.
8. What emotional demons is the Reverend struggling with?
9. What are the societal laws and mores that impact his relationships?
10. Who wants the hospital property and for what reasons?
11. Who are the Fairplays? Can they be trusted? What is the Inez's issue with Maude?
12. What railroad does Jed Elliston support and why does it matter? Who does he hire for insider railroad information and why?
13. Who is Lowden Snow and why does Elliston bother him?
14. Who is Weston Croy? How is he affected by the recent Civil War?
15. Who is General Palmer? What kind of a soldier is he? What is his background?
16. How are Eli Carter and Bart Hollis connected? Were they Confederates or Yankees and why does it matter?
17. What does Inez learn from One-eyed Jack at the livery stable?
18. What does Inez find in Eli's possessions that connects him to the mystery?
19. Does the story give you an understanding of the Civil War? For what primary reason do the characters in the story often refer to it as "that damned war"? Why?
20. Wouldn't you like to have a Remington Smoot Number Two? What would you do with it?
21. What role does handwriting play in the story resolution?
22. Who is the real villain?
23. Does the ending surprise you?
24. What do you think will happen in the next book? Is there anything that must be resolved soon?

