



## *Discussion Questions*

1. Before reading this book, what did you know about Harriet Beecher Stowe?
2. After reading this book, do you feel you have a better understanding of the anti-slavery campaigns of the mid 1800s?
3. Have you ever read *Uncle Tom's Cabin*? What were your thoughts about the book?
4. What did you think of Harriet as portrayed in this story? Did you find her empathetic or irritating?
5. What did you think of Calvin Stowe as portrayed in this story? Did you find him empathetic or irritating?
6. How much of Harriet's success do you feel should be credited to Calvin's support of her writing?
7. Do you have personal experience balancing personal interests and family responsibilities? If so, how have you achieved that balance?
8. Harriet lived during a time when women had few rights

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- and opportunities. What changes do you still feel need to be made, if any, to establish gender equality in the world today?
9. What are your feelings regarding household help in today's world? Do you feel we should be self-sufficient in managing our households or is it acceptable to hire out the work in order to make time for hobbies, career, and entertainment?