

Discussion Questions for *Copper Country, A Copper Island Novel*, by Kristin Neva

1. Which parts of *Copper Country* made you laugh? Cry?
2. Did Sophia's transformation surprise you? Why or why not?
3. Louisa tells Aimee she should see Frank because "whatever his motive, it'll bring you closure." (Ch. 14, p. 105.) Do you think her advice was right? Have you had experiences where you wished you had had closure? Have you tried to get closure, but wished you had let things be?
4. Aimee prepares to preemptively forgive her dad, but he forgives her first. (Ch. 26.) She is offended because she didn't think she did anything wrong. Has someone ever forgiven you for something you were not sorry about? Did it cause you to feel any remorse about that thing?
5. Aimee writes a letter to her dad forgiving him. (Ch. 36, p. 179.) Do you think Aimee should have forgiven him? Why or why not?
6. Louisa told Aimee, "It takes both parties to reconcile, but you can choose a heart of forgiveness." (Ch. 32, P. 221.) How would have Aimee's relationship with her dad been different if he had apologized? Have you ever tried to forgive someone who was unrepentant?
7. Aimee and Russ come from different church backgrounds, and neither are entirely comfortable in the other's church. (Chapter 31 and 35.) Describe an unsettling experience visiting an unfamiliar church. Did they try to make you feel welcome?
8. Louisa tells Aimee, "We all make judgements on what is right and wrong. The problem is when judgement crowds out love." (Ch. 32, p. 220.) How do you see this playing out in our world today? In the church? Politics?

9. Bella told Aimee, “When you have a marriage, both sides need to give. Think of how hard it would be for two cities to become one. Marriage requires the same sort of painful process.” (Ch. 8, p. 56.) What are the challenges of trying to form a common culture with a partner from a very different background? Are there benefits of marrying someone from a different background?

10. Do you think Russ and Aimee will come back to Copper Island? What challenges will they face if or when they return?

11. Which character did you relate to the most? Why? Which character would you most like to spend time with?

12. If you have read Snow Country, the first book in the series, which of the two books was your favorite? Why?