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Discussion Questions

1. This book covers a lot of ground – hundreds of years of American history. Is there a particular chapter, historical moment or person that really stands out for you? What was it and why?
2. Religion played a big role in the way that the Puritans felt about Merrymount. Describe how religion influences the ways—both positively & negatively—some people feel about LGBTQ people & the community today.
3. In the book, Bronski describes “the battle over who is American” and the formation of the Know-Nothing Party and the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). How is history repeating itself now? What can we learn from the past to inform our actions now?

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