

Readers Corner

Discussion questions for March 31, 2026

The Personal Librarian

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- **Belle isn't the only one keeping secrets. Who else was holding back? And what would have been the consequences if their own secrets had become public?**
- **Working for the Pierpont Morgan library was Belle's absolute dream job. Imagine how she felt walking into the library that first day. Do you love libraries? What's your literary dream job?**
- **What do you think about the relationship between Belle and Bernard Berenson? What drew them together? What forced them apart? Was he a cad? Was she naive?**
- **Before reading the book, how familiar were you with passing? Have you read other books with passing characters? Have you had any friends, family members or ancestors who have passed?**

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