

## Book Club Discussion Questions for Under the Palms

Note: Contains major spoilers!

1. Who do you think the nicest Kingsley is? Does anyone in the family fit that description?
2. What do you think of Krystle Carrington? By the end of the story, did you understand her motivations better? And, if you were a fan of 1980s prime time soap operas, did you get the *Dynasty* nod?
3. What, in the end, was Richard Kingsley's downfall? And who did you think was the culprit? Were you correct?
4. The Santa Ana winds become a character themselves. Have you ever experienced these fire winds?
5. What did you think about the Twin Palms resort? Did you know it's based on a real resort, The Montage Laguna Beach? The two palm trees referred to in the book, are in fact real. They were saved when the resort was built, and are named the Luc and Desi Palm Trees because "The Long, Long Trailer" a 1954 blockbuster movie, and top-grossing comedy at the time, starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz was filmed on the site, formerly Treasure Island Mobile Home Park. Now you know.
6. Do you think Paige has what it takes to retain control of the company after this weekend?
7. Were you shocked by what happened to John. Did Serena have any other choice?
8. This story unites the Kingsley women against the Kingsley men. Did Sibley, Paige, and Serena form a bond stronger than Ted and John's?
9. What do you think the future holds for Paige and Justin?