

Skokie Public Library's Book Discussion Guide

Second Class Citizen by Buchi Emechta

- In what sense is Adah a 'second class citizen'? In what sense is she not?
- What is 'the Presence' and what part does it play in Adah's story?
- How would you characterize Adah? What are her strengths and weaknesses? Her goals?
- What was her relationship to her mother?
- How does Adah view her heritage as a Nigerian?
- Lagos is ruled by laws, as is London. How does this differ from Ibuza?
- What is Francis like at the beginning of the marriage? Did he change after the move to London?
- How do you account for his behavior toward Adah? For her behavior toward him?
- How does Adah view religion?
- What does the story of Lawyer Nweze reveal about the transformation Nigeria is undergoing?
- Why was Adah not content to remain in Nigeria with her in-laws?
- What were Adah's first impressions of London?



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