

# baked-off

Questions and Topics for Reader Discussion



1. What would *you* do if a company you admired called you and asked you to judge, or be a featured guest at a televised contest? How would you handle it?
2. What was the most humorous moment in the novel for you? Conversely, what was the most poignant moment for you?
3. **baked-off** features an unusual ensemble of characters. Which character is your favorite? Which do you find least likeable? Does any character closely resemble a person with whom you know?
4. This novel contains insights into many aspects of people's relationships to food; but can you think of any cooking, or character situations not included that you wished the author had addressed?
5. If this is your *first* exposure to cooking competitions, what is your opinion after reading the book? Is it the way you pictured it to be? Had you given any previous thought the people and scenarios behind a food-based event before?
6. Have you ever participated in any sort of competitive event? If so, what happened? How did you deal with it?
7. Is your immediate social network of family and friends an ally or an adversary to your ambitions? In what ways has this been manifest in your life?
8. Have you read any other books by **LINCOLN PARK**? If so, why do you think that she chooses to add so many images and variable type fonts in her books?
9. What do you think of the ability to interact with the **baked-off** characters online? Have you tried it? What happened?
10. How did **baked-off** make you feel when you put it down? What thoughts did it evoke for you? Are you motivated to recommend the book to others?

