

# Questions for your book club

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- When we first meet Alexis, she is determined to stay unmarried in order to maintain her independence. Can you understand why?
- We hear from the perspectives of both James and Alexis in *Master of His Fate* – did you prefer one narrative over the other? If so, why?
- London is home for both Alexis and James – but between them they also visit Hull, Kent and Paris. Which was your favourite setting?
- Do you think Alexis’s connection with James is different from her connection to Sebastian? In what way?
- James and Alexis have come from very different backgrounds, and have had very different life experiences. Do you think they have any similarities?
- ‘Character is destiny . . . it is who we are inside ourselves that leads us to live the lives we do.’ Alexis says this to Claudia early on in the novel – do you think it’s true?
- How does Alexis change in the novel, in light of her experiences?
- Who was your favourite character and why?
- How would you recommend this book to a friend?
- Has *Master of His Fate* taught you anything about Victorian England?