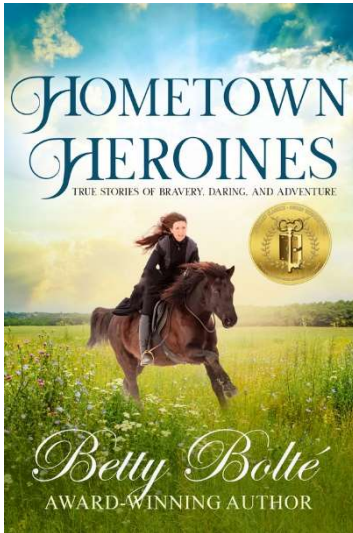




BOOK CLUB GUIDE



Hometown Heroines



About the Book:

What would you do if you heard a train crash through the trestle during a violent thunderstorm? How would you suggest to a presidential candidate that he change his appearance in order to be elected? If your family was under attack and surrounded, what would you do to save them? Could you refuse to help someone hoping to better themselves or would you help them?

These are just a few of the situations these 19th-century girls found themselves in and rose to the occasion, saving the day in more ways than one. Through their bravery, their daring, and their sense of adventure, each used their skills, talents, and insights to meet the need before them.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the girls do you most relate to?
2. The format of the book includes both fiction and nonfiction. How is this useful or distracting?
3. These girls were remembered with various forms of memorials and statues. How should remarkable girls today be honored?
4. What did you learn in the book that you didn't know before?
5. Which of the stories stands out as far as accomplishment by the individual girl?
6. What does the title mean? How does it relate to the story?
7. How would you describe this book to a friend you wish to recommend it to?
8. Should youth be singled out for their accomplishments? Why or why not?
9. Did the author do a good job of telling the girls' stories? Why or why not?
10. What other books by this author have you read? How did they compare to this book?