

### ***Sons & Daughters* Discussion Questions**

1. What kind of relationship did Kristoffer have with each of his children? (Ingrid, Tingvald, Alex, Betsi, Sophie, Gunda)
2. Why didn't Karoline marry Elfred Svensen? Do you think she was right to do so?
3. How has Karoline evolved from book 1 (*The Journey of Karoline Olsen*). Does she evolve throughout this novel?
4. As a mother, what are some of Karoline's lessons and/or expectations for her children?
5. How would you describe the personalities of each child? (Ingrid, Tingvald, Alex, Betsi, Sophie, Gunda, Floyd)
6. What in each child do you see of Karoline? Kristoffer?
7. This is a story of the American dream. What is their dream?
8. In what ways is the second generation shucking their Norwegian identity?
9. At the end of the novel, where do you think Karoline goes?
10. What moments in Iowa's history did you not know? What surprised you the most?