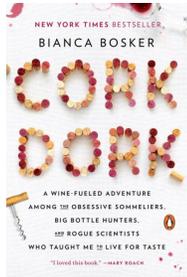


Books by the Stack



***Cork Dork: A Wine-fueled Adventure Among the Obsessive Sommeliers, Big Bottle Hunters, and Rogue Scientists Who Taught Me to Live for Taste* by Bianca Bosker**

A tech reporter describes her introduction to the world of master sommeliers and her in-depth investigation into the source of their interests and skills, an effort marked by work with elite tasting groups, encounters at exclusive New York restaurants, visits to California winemakers and more.

Why you'll like it: *Food writing. Life stories. Fast-paced. Amusing.*

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Questions for Discussion

1. What did you know about wine/sommeliers prior to reading this book? Did you learn anything new?
2. What did you find to be the most interesting events in this book? What, if anything, surprised you?
3. Has reading this book inspired you to do further research on the subject?
4. The way a non-fiction book is written can impact a reader's enjoyment and understanding of it. Was the book written in a way that was easily accessible? Were unfamiliar terms and concepts explained?
5. What did you find surprising about the facts introduced in this book?
6. Can you point to specific passages that struck you personally – as interesting, profound, silly or shallow, incomprehensible?
7. What is the significance of the title? Would you have given the book a different title? If yes, what is your title?
8. What is your favorite wine and why?

