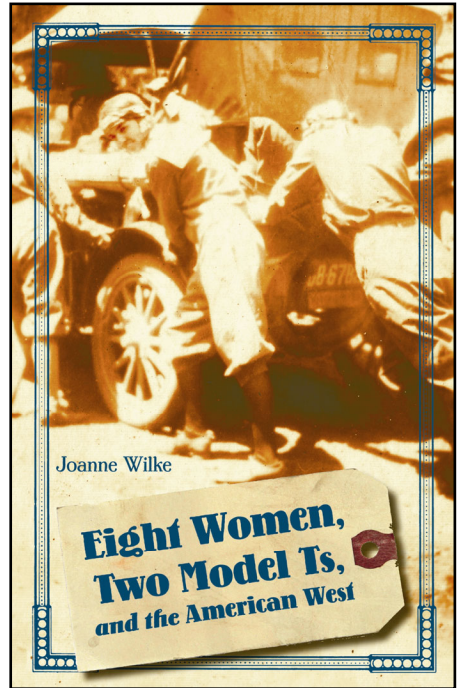




## Reading Group & Book Club Discussion Questions

### *EIGHT WOMEN, TWO MODEL Ts, AND THE AMERICAN WEST* by Joanne Wilke

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1. Car travel has changed a lot since 1924. What are some positive and some negative differences? What about travel in 1924 was most surprising?
2. What are some positive and negative differences between 1924 and today for women traveling? Why were the Model T ladies not afraid while there parents were?
3. Do you feel the author's combination of factual history with essay and memoir works? Why? How would the reader's experience be different if it were only the story of the trip?
4. Does the author successfully "evoke [the traveler's] youthful selves?" Do you feel an emotional connection with them? Why?
5. What sense or image of the West is gained through the book? How?
6. Do you trust this to be a factual book? Why?
7. In her old age Laura wrote a letter to Marie reclaiming her own adventures. What does this say about each of them and about their relationship?
8. At the end the author "picks her tree and runs for it." Why is this different from when she runs down the bluff in the first chapter?
9. Did you feel like you read one story, two stories, or many stories? Why? What connects them?
10. How might the book be different if it were eight men traveling?