



**Book
Club**

Alberta Reads

Pourin' Down Rain

by *Cheryl Foggo*

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Book Club Questions:

1. Coming from a large and tight-knit family, Cheryl has many cherished memories of joyous gatherings with her extended family. How does Cheryl draw strength from her strong family connections?
2. Cheryl recounts a story about her Uncle Willis, who fought in World War II and came back a changed person. What does Willis's story tell us about the experiences of veterans after the war, and Black veterans in particular?
3. As a child, Cheryl looked up to many of her older cousins, especially Sharon, who was 8 years her senior. How was Sharon important in Cheryl's life, and what does she learn from her?
4. Cheryl learns about her family history from her Aunt Daisy, who kept the stories of their ancestors alive. How did Cheryl's personal identity and sense of self change after learning about her family history?
5. Growing up in Calgary in the 1960s, Cheryl experienced many forms of racism. What problems do racialized people in Alberta still experience today?
6. Cheryl's great-grandfather Rufus Smith moved his family to Saskatchewan in 1910 from Oklahoma. In what ways do you think Canada met his expectations, and in what ways do you think he may have been disappointed?
7. What information about Black history in Alberta was new to you as a reader, and why do you think you may have been unaware of this history?

