

The Hitchhikers Guide to the Universe by Douglas Adams

Discussion Questions

- Science fiction writers have often pondered the question of what it would be to travel through time and space. And what might find there. How does The Hitchhikers Guide fit into this statement?
- The Washington Post describes the book “It’s science fiction and it’s extremely funny, It is inspired lunacy that leaves hardly a science fiction cliché. Discuss this in terms of your own experience reading The Hitchhikers Guide.
- Was reading the Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy a re-read or a first time read? If it was a re-read, did your opinion about the book change? If it was a new read, did your reading experience match what you anticipated?
- Why should adults read books written for kids?
- Did you prefer (or would you have preferred to read this book as a child or as an adult?
- Who is the real target audience the story? The humor?
- “Don’t Panic” and “Always bring a towel” have become iconic. What do they mean for you? What would towel would you bring?
- Why is The Hitchhiker’s Guide considered a classic? Do you think it deserves to be?
- “As a genre, science fiction has always taken the world we live in and allowed us to imagine the vast possibilities. In doing this, the genre is able to ask readers to consider these possibilities and ultimately what they say about us and the world we live in”. Discuss.
- **EXTRA CREDIT: Discuss**

Q: What are some good science fiction books for elderly people?

A: A person’s age has little to do with it. A good book is a good book, whether you are 15 or 75.

Sources: *Science Fiction Book Club*, *The Drunken Guys Book Club*, *Podcast #24*, chrisduesing.com, LitLLovers.com, quora.com, CannonBookClub.com