

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA ALUMNAE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
JANUARY 2020 – “THE SLEEPWALKER’S GUIDE TO DANCING” BY MIRA JACOB

1. What was your favorite moment or aspect of *The Sleepwalker’s Guide to Dancing*?
2. Kamala is a very polarizing character in the book. Were you drawn to or repelled by her? How do you think the author feels about her?
3. Why do you think Amina was unhinged by taking the picture of Bobby McCloud? Do you believe her own explanation?
4. When Thomas sees Akhil, he believes it’s a genuine visit, not a side effect of his tumor. When Amina sees Akhil, she thinks it’s a symptom of her depression. Which explanations are you more inclined to believe?
5. *The Sleepwalker’s Guide to Dancing* is heavily tied with Indian and Indian-American cultures. How did this cultural influence affect your thoughts on the story? Did you learn anything about the Indian and/or Indian-American cultures through the book?
6. Along with other “awkward” photographs that had previously been taken, what do you think compelled Amina to photograph the worst moments at the wedding?
7. Akhil is angry with America in a way that Amina isn’t. What is the source of his anger?
8. Do you think Sunil was really sleepwalking when he set fire to the house? Why or why not?
9. If Jamie and Amina hadn’t shared their pasts, do you think she would have been able to trust him?
10. Why do you think the author titled her novel *The Sleepwalker’s Guide to Dancing*?