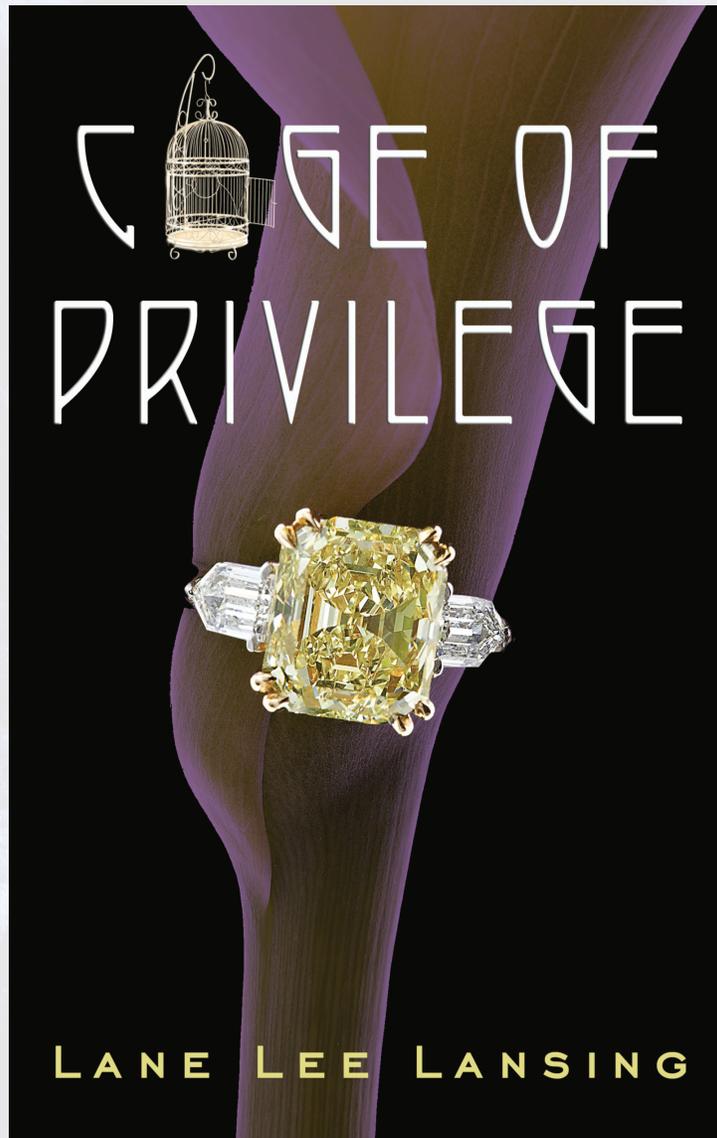
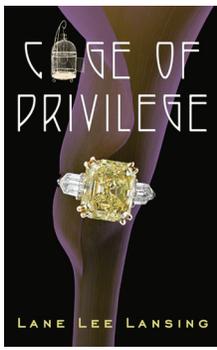


The Book Club *Guide*





From the Author



Dear Book Club Facilitators & Members,

Welcome to the first edition printing of *Cage of Privilege* - my latest literary venture into the bizarre and often complex lifestyles of the high net worth community. Book club audiences are integral constituencies, as the analysis you generate will fuel spirited debate in forming your own conclusions and opinions about the characters and their lives.

This book has been a journey that took nearly two years to complete. It represents a fictional account of business and politics and specific moral conundrums that confront each of the characters at every turn. If the content evokes a strong emotional response, you are experiencing the desired intention. As the storyline weaves a variety of concepts together, pay special attention to how the characters respond to each individual situation - perhaps thinking what you yourself may have done.

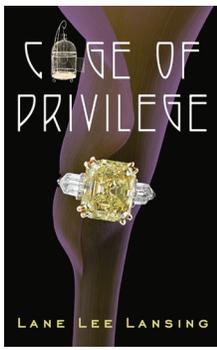
Our Study Guide helps you and your group members develop talking points leading to a lively exchange of ideas. It also includes exercises where your members can test their knowledge of the book and its characters. As you dissect the book and its diverse plots, having some common framework will be good a organizational tool.

While difficult subject matter can often cause tension, the intent is for each of your members to test boundaries, learn something new, and participate in a unique entertainment experience outside the realm of everyday life. Please enjoy *Cage of Privilege* and we salute your continued commitment to reading as part of a book club.

With sincere thanks,

Lane Lee Lansing





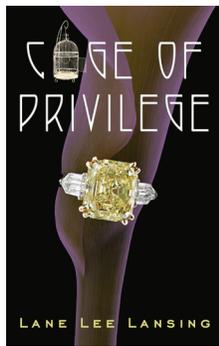
Discussion Questions



Select a series of questions for your discussion. Use examples below, or create your own!

- 1) What kind of emotional response did you have to *Cage of Privilege*, and why?
- 2) Did your viewpoint on a particularly sensitive topic change as you read the book?
- 3) Sexuality remains a hotly-debated topic. Does the presence of significant wealth change the comfort level toward the acceptability of sexual experimentation or impede it?
- 4) Material goods figure prominently as important accessories of the characters. How important are material goods to your personal happiness?
- 5) Volatile parent-child dynamics exist within the book. Is it better to sever a toxic relationship or live with it?
- 6) How does the book make you feel about the political process in general?
- 7) Drug use is both celebrated and endorsed by certain characters. Would the legalization of drugs have impacted character choices?
- 8) Would you have reacted differently as one of the servants of the characters?
- 9) Was there justification for the more extreme acts or events in the plot?
- 10) Which of the characters do you feel was most exploited in the storyline?

No opinion is right or wrong. Discussion can lead to enlightenment.



Quick Survey



*Prior to beginning discussion, invite the book club to take this quick survey. Collect the surveys **before** discussion occurs and the host or hostess can tabulate results. Share the results after discussion.*

1) Knowing that you could not reverse the storyline, would you object to living Jane's life?

YES NO

2) Which character do you feel was the most evil? _____

3) Which character do you feel was the most innocent? _____

4) Did you sympathize with any of the characters? YES NO

Which ones? _____

5) What is one adjective that best describes your overall opinion of the characters?

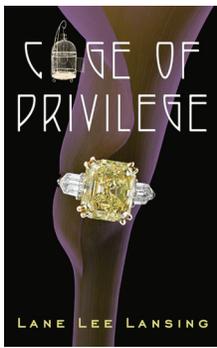
6) How many days did it take you to complete the book? _____

7) What was the most offensive content in the book? _____

8) Which of the characters (if any) did you identify with most? _____

9) Based on what you read, do you think that events described in the book happen in today's world? YES NO

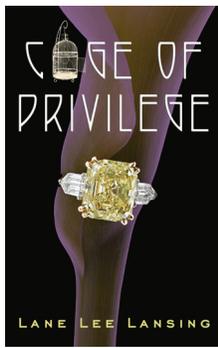
10) Would you recommend this book? YES NO



Creative writing is a special talent that each person possesses. Enjoy participating in a living literary work by completing one or all four exercises before or after the book club meets. Feel free to share your own work if there is time during the meeting or via your own blog.

Each month on the Book Club page at www.cageofprivilege.com, Lane's blog will showcase one unique story from our readers. To enter your own story in the contest, visit the website.

- 1) The description of Jane's new estate, Redcliff, is quite detailed. Take a room in your own residence and write a one page (or less) description. Use memories from the past, stories about a particular piece of furniture, and how the room is used to frame what makes the space important to you.
- 2) There is a great mystery behind the sense of loss that all of us experience with the death of a relative, friend, companion, or child. Author a short note of sympathy to one of the characters who experienced a loss.
- 3) We all fantasize about what we would do with untold fortunes. With the provision that retirement savings are fully funded, write a short narrative about what you would do with a \$1 million windfall and why.
- 4) The art of philanthropy is a priority for high net worth families who train their children to participate in the process from a young age. If you found yourself in this situation, where would your priorities lie?



Your Cage of Privilege Party



Turn your home into Elmwood Terrace or Redcliff for an evening by using some suggested tools to set the mood for Book Club discussion:

Invitations

Invitations to either Elmwood Terrace or Redcliff had always been formal, but a Facebook or eVite announcing an opportunity for the book club to gather at either ‘residence’ (with your address) is perfectly acceptable. A JPG graphic file is available for you to download on the Book Club page of www.cageofprivilege.com to include in your invitation.

Attire

Simply come dressed as your favorite character. If a description doesn’t provide an exact “look,” be creative based upon what you read and how you visualize the character.

- Men: Resortwear - Cufflinks encouraged!
- Women: Resortwear - “...Skirts for us ladies!”

Cocktails

Keep it simple - they did. Champagne, gin & tonic, or Scotch & rocks.

A special recipe would be creating a “Pierre,” named for Jane’s art advisor.

Present the “Pierre” to guests upon arriving at the residence for the party.

- 1 part Rothman & Winter Crème de Violette
- 4 parts Champagne - Jane’s favorite, Veuve Clicquot
- Served in a Champagne flute

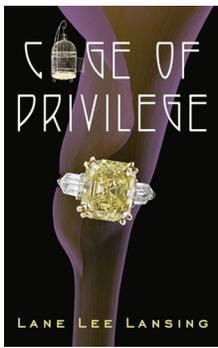
Appetizer Options

Anything fun will do . . . these were served at Jane’s bridge luncheon and at the Senator’s Birthday Party!

- Salad with finely chopped romaine, crab meat, lemon, and cocktail sauce served in a Champagne coupe.
- Aerated scrambled egg served in shell with caviar and chive.
- Ahi poke on crostini

Games

- During social time before the discussion, guests should attempt to guess which characters they are portraying.
- After discussion, share the “Quick Survey” results and find out if guests changed their opinions about the characters.
- Share photos of your event with friends on Facebook and Instagram.



About the Book & Author



CAGE OF PRIVILEGE

Jane Chambers Torrance never stopped to contemplate what drove her success in navigating the path that propelled her to become one of the wealthiest women in the world. She realized at a young age that plotting a journey toward the top echelon of society was her only desire. After toppling a princess's designs to marry the man she loved, Jane and her husband built a nearly impenetrable empire around the nation's ravenous consumption of energy. Embarking on a new life journey after her son had been savagely murdered, Jane leaves her prized Fifth Avenue penthouse in New York City to build a lavish estate in the Pacific Northwest.

Befriending fellow native Portlander Kate Carerra, she teaches the eager young apprentice how to build and sustain a powerful and overshadowing grip on business and politics. Jane becomes entrenched in her obsession to preserve her legacy for future generations and satisfy her own bouts of boredom. With the help of an ambassador's wife, her brother - a United States Senator, and a team of extraordinarily loyal business advisors, Jane tempts fate by gambling with the ultimate sanctified gift: human life.

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Lane Lee Lansing is a literary persona who interprets political and social landscapes, specializing in unraveling the sophisticated web of the ultra rich in their relationships in business and with each other. Drawing on some 40 years of coveted experience with a variety of wealth segments, Lane's residencies in New York, Washington, D.C., Holmby Hills, and the Pacific Northwest give depth to a variety of fascinating lifestyles that continue to blossom and fade with each passing generation. An avid collector, the Lansing treasury includes a distinctive set of rich composites that foster the creation of fascinating menageries of characters. Recounting the expansive set of emotions that all people experience - regardless of social ranking - Lansing delves into poignant life-changing moments of how individuals react to life's most difficult situations. Join Lane in exploring the hidden intrigue of indulgence and the devilish underpinnings of deceit and corruption in CAGE OF PRIVILEGE.

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