

The Mystery of Three Quarters reading group questions

1. Why do you think Sophie Hannah decided to call this book The Mystery of Three Quarters?
2. What do you think are the key themes of the novel?
3. Was Poirot right or wrong to investigate the death of Barnabas Pandy, once he heard about the four letters that had been sent in his name at the beginning of the book?
4. Was Barnabas Pandy a good man?
5. How important a role does Combingham Hall, Barnabas Pandy's family home, play in the novel?
6. Who are the most and least sympathetic characters in the novel?
7. What do you think of Edward Catchpool, as a sidekick and helper of Poirot? Is he similar to, or different from, other sidekicks in detective fiction?
8. Do you sympathise with the killer?
9. What, if anything, does the novel say about guilt, innocence and forgiveness?
10. At the end of the novel, is justice done?