

## Discussion questions for *Seventeenth Summer* by Maureen Daly

Author Maureen Daly grew up in Fond du Lac and the setting and characters are modeled after real settings and people. Did you recognize the Fond du Lac places in the book? If you are not from Fond du Lac, how is the setting similar to where you grew up and how is it different?

*Seventeenth Summer* was written in 1942. If this book were written today, what would be different?

Because of this novel, Daly has been credited with establishing young adult literature as a separate category of fiction. How does this novel compare to current novels written for teens?

How would you describe the character of Angie? How would you describe the character of Jack? Are they sympathetic? Are they realistic?

Angie is seventeen years old and falls in love with Jack during the course of the summer. Do you think a person who is seventeen year old is capable of long-lasting love? What do think of their relationship?

Angie narrates the story. In what ways does this influence the tone of the book?

Why do you think this book continues to appeal to readers?

Daly wrote other books including *First a Dream*, *Acts of Love*, and *Sixteen and Other Stories*. Do you think you will read any of her other books?