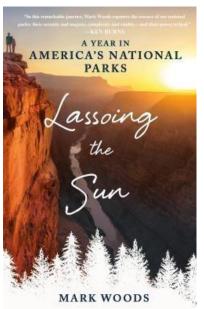
Skaneateles Library Books by the Stack Discussion Questions

Lassoing the Sun by Marks Woods

- 1. Have you ever visited a National Park? Discuss your own experience with the National Park System.
- 2. The author describes the loss of his mother throughout the book and the role that the National Parks played in his grieving process, have you ever found comfort in nature?
- 3. In the book, Wood's states "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." How does this sentiment apply specifically to environmental and historical conservation?
- 4. Did you think this book read more like a memoir or more like traditional non-fiction? Did you like/dislike the more personal nature of some of the chapters?



- 5. "If you spend a few hours in a national park, you check it off a list. If you spend a few days, you develop an attachment that lasts a long time, maybe even a lifetime. If you spend more than that, you become an advocate, a defender, an evangelist." Do you agree with this statement?
- 6. Did you have a favorite chapter of the book? Which of the author's park visits was most memorable to you as the reader?
- 7. As the book's subtitle suggests it is about a year in America's National Parks, however the book is about much more than that. If you could give the book another subtitle what would it be?
- 8. Discuss the author's attempts to expose his daughter to nature and recreate his fond childhood memories of visiting the parks for her childhood.
- 9. After reading this book do you want to visit any of the National Parks discussed in Lassoing the Sun?
- 10. Would you recommend others read this book?

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