

Skaneateles Library  
Books by the Stack  
Discussion Questions

**Uncommon Type**  
by Tom Hanks

1. What do you think of Tom Hanks as an actor? What do you think of him as an author?

2. Which story was your favorite? Why?

- *Three Exhausting Weeks*
- *Christmas Eve 1953*
- *A Junket in The City of Light*
- *Our Town Today with Hank Fiset--An Elephant in The Pressroom*
- *Welcome to Mars*
- *A Month On Green Street*
- *Alan Bean Plus Four*
- *Our Town Today with Hank Fiset--At Loose in The Big Apple*
- *Who's Who?*
- *A Special Weekend*
- *These Are the Meditations of My Heart*
- *Our Town Today with Hank Fiset--Back from Back in Time*
- *The Past Is Important to Us*
- *Stay with Us*
- *Go See Costas*
- *Our Town Today with Hank Fiset--Your Evangelista, Esperanza*
- *Steve Wong Is Perfect*

3. Did you catch all of the typewriter references in each story?

4. Would you have liked any of the stories to be a full novel?

5. *Three Exhausting Weeks*, *Alan Bean Plus Four* and *Steve Wong Is Perfect* share the same characters, did you enjoy the continuation?

6. Did you notice any commonalities among the stories, other than the typewriters? Words, places, phrases?

7. Did you enjoy the book? Do you like short stories?

8. Would you recommend others read this book?

