Book Club Discussion Questions for *The Noble Smuggler*

1. How does the use of disguise and deception affect the story? What are the pros and cons of Jonas hiding his identity?
2. How does the social divide between Elizabeth and Jonas shape their relationship? Do you think the story realistically portrays class tension?
3. Elizabeth takes a grave risk by helping Jonas. Do you believe she was brave, reckless, or both? Why?
4. How does the life-or-death tension surrounding Jonas and Elizabeth’s meeting affect the nature of their relationship? Would their romance have blossomed in calmer circumstances?
5. How did the smuggling ring enhance the suspense and stakes of the story? Did it feel historically authentic?
6. How do the deaths or actions of Jonas’ and Elizabeth’s parents shape the motivations and actions of the main characters?
7. Trust is a major theme—especially as Jonas hides who he really is. How is trust built and broken in the story?
8. How does Elizabeth go from someone who avoids smugglers to actively exposing them? What caused the change in her?
9. Were there any supporting characters that stood out to you? How did they influence the main plot?
10. How did the various settings contribute to the atmosphere and/or the tension in the story?