

NMPL Book Club – December 10, 2013

1) *As Always, Jack* is an epistolary novel created mostly from letters by the author's deceased father. How did the author's choice of style affect your reading of this piece?

2) Sweeney describes her father's letters as "courtship letters." Do you feel that this is an accurate description?

3) As the reader we see the progression of a romantic relationship as it evolves. Do you think that Marie and Jack's relationship would have ended in marriage if he hadn't been shipped overseas?

4) Although the letters in *As Always, Jack* present a one-sided conversation, do you feel that you came to know Sweeney's mother as well as her father? What support do you have for this?

5) Wartime marriages have been the topic of many stories, films, and lyrics. Do you feel that Sweeney's depiction of her parents' wartime love affair is a worthy addition to this genre? Why or why not?

Quotes Worth Noting...