

Discussion Question for *A Confederacy of Dunces*

1. This was certainly a different kind of book. Did you like it? Why or why not?
2. Did you think it was a comedy or more of a satire or farce? Please give your reasons for one choice over another.
3. How would you have dealt with Ignatius?
4. Were the characters believable? Why or why not?
5. Did you like a particular character better than the others?
6. Do you think this book could be written today, given the nature of its treatment of certain characters? Why or why not?
7. Was the plot believable? Give examples.
8. What did you think about the characters of Mr. and Mrs. Levy? Which did you like/dislike more?
9. Do you think that Levy pants was meant to satirize Levi Jeans?
10. Was the character of Patrolman Mancuso believable? Why or why not? Do you think a policeman would agree to dress up in the costumes he was forced to wear and agree to stay in the places he was forced to stay in?
11. Did you like the character of Miss Trixie? Why did Ignatius think she was a genius?
12. What are we to make of Myrna Minkoff? Was she intended to be a satire of a '60's radical?
13. Would you hire Ignatius to work for you? Would you hire any of the characters in the novel?
14. Do any of Ignatius' writings make sense? Are his writings intended to satirize academics and/or journalists?