

# Discussion Questions

## for

### *The Break: Tales From a Revolution - Nova-Scotia*

#### Chapters 1-5

- What drives Susannah's father to uproot them from their comfortable existence?
- What are conditions like in Halifax when Susannah and her father arrive?
- How does hearing the events at Lexington and Concord from the Loyalist side change your understanding of them?

#### Chapters 6-10

- How does the Battle of Bunker Hill change the war from the Loyalist perspective?
- What are the personal impacts of the war on Susannah and her father?
- Why does her father's behavior so scandalize Susannah, and what permits her to reconcile herself to it?

#### Chapters 11-15

- How do the arguments at the mercantile reflect the larger disagreement between Colonists and Crown?
- How do the interruptions in trade and restrictions on the market actually help Susannah's father?
- What effect does the Patriot attack have on the well-being of Nova-Scotia, and in particular, Susannah's family?

#### Chapters 16-20

- What does Colin's experience at St. John reveal about the character of the rebels? What does it reveal about the conduct of the Crown's forces?
- How does the treatment of Emma's father illustrate the conditions in areas under Patriot control?
- Three years into their residence in Halifax, how do the conditions there look to Susannah now?

#### Chapters 21-25

- How does the Patriot raid that brings Michelle back into Susannah's life affect her sense of safety?
- How do the Loyalists view the entry of the French into the war?
- What do the girls' attitudes toward the old traditions around butter churning tell us?

#### Chapters 26-29

- How is the mercy shown by Susannah's father repaid?
- What does the final letter to Emma remind us of about long-distance friendships in centuries past?