



The Barrister and the Letter of Marque **Discussion Guide**

- 1 What was your first impression of William Snopes? Did this change over time? What did you think of the way he confronted his father and left everything behind?
- 2 What kind of scheme did you think was behind everything when the mystery of the Letter of Marque was first introduced? Did you suspect any of the characters? How did your suspicions change as the story went on?
- 3 Which character did you relate to the most? Why?
- 4 What do you think of Lady Jameson's half-truth in response to William's question about any illegal activities she might be involved in? What do you think of her reasoning behind it and of William's reaction at finding out the truth?

- 5 Why do you think Father Thomas disapproves of William's profession so strongly? What do you think caused his heart to change regarding this case?

- 6 Were you surprised by the prince regent's attitude toward William's suggestions for punishment? What do you think of William's parting remarks to the Crown threatening legal action if he finds out the prince regent was behind the scheme? Was it the right thing to do or was it too risky?

- 7 Do you have a favorite quote or scene?

- 8 Did the ending surprise you? Did any of your suspicions about the mystery prove correct? Was the ending satisfying?