

# READING GROUP QUESTIONS

## **Sex Robots & Vegan Meat** by Jenny Kleeman

1. Much of the technology Jenny documents isn't working as well as the inventors claim yet. Which of these technologies would you be interested in using if it worked, and why?
2. Do you think any of the technologies are being developed for societal good or do you think the inventors just want personal profit?
3. Jenny talks a lot in the book about the unintended consequences of technological development. Do you think an inventor is responsible for their technology being used in ways they can't foresee or don't endorse? How would you feel if something you created was used in a way you didn't approve of?
4. The book looks at four areas of human experience: sex, food, birth and death. Which section did you enjoy reading most? Why? Which area of experience do you think will be most significantly affected by technology?
5. Why do you think so many of the technological innovators are men? Is it a problem that the tech world is dominated by men?
6. Might the technologies discussed have different effects on the future for men and women?
7. Which, if any, of Kleeman's characters do you have sympathy for?
8. Can you think of any of your own examples of the ways technology has irrevocably changed your own life? Were they good or bad?
9. Do you agree with Jenny's view that many of the technologies she documents are not solutions, but circumventions? They "solve" problems the same way her noise-cancelling earphones do, by blocking out a man-made problem rather than tackling it.
10. The overwhelming question asked by Kleeman's book is: will technology change what it means to be human? What do you think?

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