

Discussion Questions for *Stuff Matters* by Mark Miodownik

1. What did you know about materials science before reading this book?
2. Did you feel the book was well researched and that the author explained the science behind the materials in ways that were easy to understand?
3. Did you like all the personal anecdotes in the book? Did they add or detract from the book? Did you like the use of screenplays in the plastic section?
4. What was your favorite story or personal anecdote in the book?
5. What was your favorite material discussed and why?
6. Are there any other materials that you wish were included in the book? Were there any materials included in the book that you think should have been left out?
7. What is the most interesting thing you learned from this book? Did you learn anything that you were happier not knowing about?
8. Has this book changed how you view ordinary objects in your life? How so? Has your interest in materials science increased?
9. Are you excited about the future of materials science? What sort of materials do you imagine are in our future?
10. Do you think it's important to provide funding for the education of future materials scientists and for materials science research?
11. Do you have unanswered questions? If the author were here, what would you ask him?
12. Are there any additional comments you would like to share?