

## **Discussion Questions for *The Beautiful Cigar Girl* by Daniel Stashower**

1. Did you like the book? If yes, why? If no, why not?
2. Did you know anything about the Mary Rogers murder before reading the book?
3. Did you learn anything new about the time period?
4. How did you find the pace of the book? Did the author's method of unfolding the events make you feel you were living through the era?
5. Did you learn anything new about Edgar Allan Poe?
6. What satisfaction, if any, can be derived from a nonfiction book like *The Beautiful Cigar Girl* that cannot be found in novels?
7. Does anyone have a personal story connected to the events or figures in this book?
8. Did the book trigger any emotions while you were reading it?
9. Does this book relate in any way to the current state of the world, international relations, the press, or celebrities?
10. Do you have unanswered questions? If the author were here, what would you ask him?
11. Are there any additional comments you would like to share?