



1. Sadie is constantly doing bad things. Things that hurt other people. Why do you think she is the way she is? What causes her to act out so violently?
2. Emerson, like Sadie, has a lot of issues. Do you think his father's suicide is to blame? Or the alcohol? Can you sympathize with him?
3. Why do you think Sadie is so set on exposing Emerson's past?
4. Do you think Emerson deserved a second chance? Or do you think Sadie was right about him? Do you think he could have really changed?
5. Miles is a troubled boy who claims to have visions of the future. Do you think his visions are real? If not, what do you think is really happening? Why do you think he sees these visions?
6. Miles believes that nothing can stop his visions from coming true. Do you believe in fate? In destiny? Or do you think everyone has the power to change their future?
7. Why do you think Sadie, who doesn't seem to care about anyone, gives Miles the time of day?
8. Why do you think Sadie insists on keeping in contact with Roman, when the whole time she knew him, she tried to get him to leave her alone?
9. Were you surprised to learn how Miles coped with his relationship with Emerson? Can you understand why he did what he did?
10. What do you think the birds represent? To Sadie? To Emerson? Emerson and Sadie both end up escaping Sonoma, but in very different ways. How do you feel about the way each of them left? Do you believe either found redemption? What do you think will happen to Miles?

## *Discussion Questions*

