



1. How do you think being a mother allows Ginny to never give up on her daughter, in a way that her husband can't understand?
2. How do you feel about Ab's change at the end of the novel? Do you think he is committed to the new life they have built? Will he ultimately find it too hard to leave his old way of life behind?
3. How do you feel about Ginny's initial willingness to send Lucy to Willowridge? Are you surprised by her level of trust that this was the right move? Given the time period, could you see yourself initially believing this was the best place for Lucy?
4. Talk about Ginny's transformation of character. What kind of woman is she at the beginning of the novel? Who is she by the end?
5. Put yourself in Ginny's shoes. How would you handle the situation once you found out about Willowridge? Would you follow the same path Ginny did? Pursue legal options? Involve Ab?
6. Discuss the role of friendship in the novel, particularly in relation to Ginny and Marsha.
7. Examine the larger dynamics of Ab's family at play, and what that means for Ginny and Lucy. Is there any way in your mind Ab's family would have acknowledged Lucy?
8. Did you at any point blame Ginny for what happened to Lucy?
9. Do you think Lucy will remember, or be affected in some way, by her time at Willowridge? In your opinion, does she have the chance to only experience a life filled with love?
10. Which relationship is the most complex? Ginny and Lucy? Ginny and Ab? Ginny and Marsha? Why?
11. Did you place current-day expectations on the characters? How did this affect how you felt about them?

*Discussion
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