



1. How does the notion of close female friendship enhance Lee's life as a single mother? Do you think she is easier to fool because she needs someone to rely on?
2. In your opinion, does Grace ever really love Noah? Does she ever come to care about Lee? Or is everything orchestrated around revenge?
3. How does Lee's relationship with alcohol affect her other relationships? If Grace and Noah never dated, do you think Lee would have broken her sobriety or stayed sober?
4. What does it say about Grace that Mason feels so close to her? Does he respond to goodness within her, or does she have him fooled too?
5. Put yourself in Lee's shoes. What would you have done once the fire started? Would you have passed Mason off as your own? Left your father in the house?
6. Have you ever had a friend betray you the way Grace does Lee? Does Lee have a right to get upset when she finds out Grace and Noah are having a baby?
7. Discuss Noah's relationship with Mason. Would he make a good father figure? Is his interest in Mason more selfish than selfless?
8. At what point would you have intervened in Shirley's path to destruction? When she started dating Harold? When she became pregnant? When she turned back to drugs and alcohol?
9. Lee thinks of her life as a series of things she is addicted to: wine, coffee, what Mason needs. Is Lee also too dependent on the people—Mason, Grace, Noah—in her life?
10. Which relationship is the most complex? Lee and Grace? Lee and Shirley? Grace and Noah?

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11. What does it say that Mason is often at odds with his mother? In your opinion, is this tied to being a child on the spectrum, or does it reveal something about Lee on a deeper level?
12. Grace assigns Lee the blame for destroying Shirley's life. Does an individual have that kind of power over someone they love? In your opinion, does Lee cause Shirley's life to derail completely?
13. Do you feel the scene in the bathroom between Shirley and Noah is consensual? Why or why not? Do you think Noah is a bad guy or a guy who's made some mistakes?
14. What do you think going on the hike means to Lee? What does it signify about her sense of self and how she sees herself in relation to other women?
15. Do you agree with Grace's course of action? Does Lee deserve what happens to her? Does Noah?
16. Now that her plan is complete, do you think Grace is at peace?