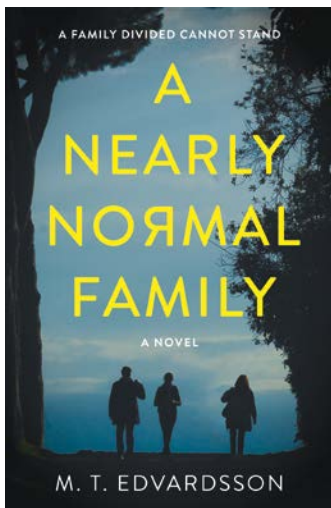




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A NEARLY NORMAL FAMILY BY M. T. EDVARDSSON

Discussion Questions



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1. Whose point of view did you enjoy reading the most, and why?
2. Do you think a parent would read this book differently than someone who doesn't have a child?
3. What do you consider a normal family?
4. Do you think Ulrika had her daughter's best interests at heart?
5. What was Adam's greatest motivation: protecting his daughter, his family or his reputation?
6. How did you feel about Shirine and the books that she gives to Stella to read: *The Bell Jar*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *Crime and Punishment*, and *Thérèse Raquin*.
7. Author M. T. Edvardsson is also a teacher. How do you think this affected his portrayal of Stella and Amina?
8. How did Ulrika's relationship with Amina affect her relationship with Stella?
9. Discuss Stella and Amina's friendship.
10. Have you had any friendships in your life that caused you to do something you regretted?
11. How did Stella's time at church camp affect her relationship with her parents?
12. How far would you go for your child?

Eighteen-year-old Stella Sandell stands accused of the brutal murder of a man almost fifteen years her senior. She is an ordinary teenager from an upstanding local family. Stella's father, a pastor, and mother, a criminal defense attorney, find their moral compasses tested as they defend their daughter. Told in an unusual three-part structure, *A Nearly Normal Family* is a twisted narrative of love and murder.