

ASHES ASHES

BOOK CLUB

1. WHAT THEMES DID YOU NOTICE THROUGHOUT ASHES ASHES? HOW DID THOSE THEMES DRIVE THE PLOT FORWARD?
2. DISCUSS THE STRUCTURE OF ASHES ASHES. WHAT WAS THE EFFECT OF ALTERNATING BETWEEN THREE POINTS OF VIEW?
3. DID YOU RESONATE WITH ONE CHARACTER OVER THE OTHERS? IF YES, WHO AND WHY?
4. FOR A MAJORITY OF THE STORY, CHARLIE'S DAD COMES OFF AS A BITTER MAN AND HIS MOM AS AN ALCOHOLIC. DID YOUR OPINION OF CHARLIE'S PARENTS CHANGE AT ANY POINT IN THE STORY? IF YES, WHEN AND WHY? IF NO, WHY NOT?
5. WHAT WAS CHARLIE'S GREATEST STRENGTH AND BIGGEST WEAKNESS? ANSWER THE SAME QUESTION FOR TALIA AND JEFF. WHAT MOTIVATED EACH CHARACTER?
6. AT THE START OF ASHES ASHES, WE LEARN THAT THE FIREHOUSE'S SCHEDULE "DOMINATED CHARLIE'S LIFE." IS CHARLIE USING THE FIREHOUSE AS A CRUTCH? IF YES, A CRUTCH FOR WHAT?
7. ACCORDING TO CHARLIE, JENNY LIVES WITH HER PARENTS "OUT OF FEAR OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THEM IF SHE LEFT." WHAT DO YOU THINK HE MEANS BY THAT?
8. JEFF AND ISAAC GREW UP TOGETHER, BUT WENT ON TO LIVE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LIVES. WAS ISAAC INTRINSICALLY EVIL, OR A PRODUCT OF HIS UPBRINGING?
9. TALIA CARES ABOUT CHARLIE, YET SHE LIES TO HIM TO KEEP HER DAD SAFE. HAD SHE TOLD CHARLIE THE TRUTH, WOULD CHARLIE HAVE PUSHED HER AWAY, OR UNDERSTOOD?
10. DID ANY OF THE TWISTS IN ASHES ASHES TAKE YOU BY SURPRISE? LOOKING BACK, DID THE AUTHOR LEAVE ANY CLUES LEADING UP TO THAT PARTICULAR REVEAL?
11. THE LAST SENTENCE IN ASHES ASHES IS SYMBOLIC. WHAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THAT LINE, AND WHY DO YOU THINK THE AUTHOR CHOSE TO END ON THOSE WORDS?

DID YOU LOVE ASHES ASHES?
PLEASE LEAVE A REVIEW ON AMAZON