

Book Club Questions:

1. Did you grow up in a family that shared significant chores? Do you believe that hard work is good for children?
2. The names of the Ashby girls were precious names. How do you think that Alba Ashby's character developed into the split qualities of light and dark that she exhibited?
3. What importance did church and music play in the working culture of Big Creek?
4. What can be done for families today who have a family member with a disability? How does that assistance look different to the 1920s?
5. Do you think you would be capable of caring for a child at the end of your eighth grade year? What aid did Emie have?
6. Describe why it's important to help others?
7. Does helping others create any benefit for the one who helps?
8. What part does poverty play in the morale of family members, such as choices they make involving their children?
9. Do you think that Charlie was destined for a life of crime? Were there opportunities along the way for him to put his life on the right path?
10. How would it have made Charlie's life different had he experienced a positive mentor?