

True Status – Book Club

Icebreakers

1. Which character would you most like to have lunch with? Why?
2. What question would you like to ask one of the characters?
3. Which character would you like to give some advice to? What is your advice?
4. Of the different settings of the book which would you most like to visit? Why?

Discussion Questions

1. Billy had several supernatural visions. Which did you feel was the most vivid, intriguing, or frightening?
2. Why does Billy fear reading the Bible? (page 68)
3. Why do you think Joseph Pullman had a troubled relationship with his siblings? (page 70)
4. Billy reflects on “The strange alliance between good and evil.” How would you describe the relationship between the God and the devil? Are they equal and opposite? (page 81)
5. Read the Matthew 13 parables. Do you agree with Billy’s conclusion about how the devil and God do their work? (page 81)
6. What do you think about Billy’s thought about Christianity attracting hypocrites? What do you think about what Ezriah would have said about it? (page 89)
7. Read Genesis 1:20-25. Does Rose O’Leary explanation about creation match what the Bible says in Genesis. (page 92)
8. Sharon is unconcerned about what the “church ladies” think of her. Why do you think Billy is more concerned about protecting Sharon’s reputation than Sharon is? (page 104)
9. Sharon quotes from Matthew 7:21-23. Based on this passage what is the difference between verbally acknowledging Jesus and being a disciple of Jesus? (page 128)
10. Who are the accusers that intrude on Billy’s thoughts? (page 137)
11. After reviewing his past, Billy is full of remorse and regret about his behavior. Do you agree with Billy’s self-assessment or is he being too hard on himself? (page 139)
12. Reflect on Alexander description of the triune God. In what ways is his description like your own understanding of God? In what ways is it different? (page 154)
13. While talking to his father, Billy makes an assertion about the devil. What had Billy concluded? What do you think about the devil? (page 171)
14. Why did Billie go to the Wal-Mart when he visited his parents? Did Billy succeed or fail in that mission? (page 177)
15. What was Billy’s initial reaction to reading Romans 1 and why? (page 182)
16. What is the significance of Professor Stanley’s assertion that the Old Testament completely foretold the work of Jesus before Jesus was born? (page 187)
17. Lawrence makes the comment that Christianity should have ended before it got started, but it didn’t. What point was Lawrence making? (page 190)

18. How would you describe the differing religious beliefs of Hugo, Lawrence, and Ezriah?
(page 191)
19. What term did Billy use to describe his apartment library? What does this foreshadow? (page 231)
20. What were your main take aways from “An Essay for Tenny”? (page 299)