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Book Club Readers Guide & Discussion Topics

NOTICE:

The following page contains topics of discussion intended for the entire group AFTER everyone has finished reading. They include some mild spoilers, so you have been warned.

The book club leader should review the topics of discussion and present them to the group.

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

One person should lead the group on any or all of the below topics. It is important to let the group know that this is not a quiz and there are no right or wrong answers. The person leading the group should encourage members to elaborate on answers.

OPTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION AFTER READING:

- 1) How does the slot machine play into the larger story?
 - a. Is there something (or more than one thing) it represents?
 - **b.** Why does it not appear to be a larger part of the story?
- 2) Why did Glen not see the slot machine when Jason took him to the field?
- 3) Why would Jason bring his wife and child to the slot machine in the end?
 - a. When does the slot machine actually physically appear in the novel? Why?
- **4)** Talk about the pumpkin in the beginning of the novel:
 - a. In the context of foreshadowing.
 - **b.** In the context of any overarching theme or meaning of the novel.
- 5) How was Jason's story a redemptive story? How wasn't it?
- 6) How does Jason's attitude toward raising Nicky conflict with Jen's?
- 7) Why would Jen allow/tolerate the Zoom call with her parents at the end?
 - **a.** Do you think it signifies the beginning of Jen and her parent's relationship mending? Why or why not?