

From a Dead Sleep

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Book Club Discussion Questions

1. Which character did you like the most and why? The least and why?
2. Are there situations and/or characters you identified with, and if so, how?
3. What major emotion did the story evoke in you as a reader (if any)?
4. What surprised you the most about the book?
5. Do you think the mountainous, Colorado setting affected the storyline and cast of characters?
6. What was motivating the actions of Sean Coleman?
7. What were the dynamics of “power” between Sean Coleman and his brother-in-law, Gary Lumbergh? How did that play a factor in their interactions?
8. How did the way Sean saw himself differ from how others saw him?
9. Was Sean a sympathetic character, or was he too dislikeable to be a protagonist?
10. What do you believe the meaning behind the title of the book is?
11. Were there any moments where you disagreed with the choices of any of the characters? What would you have done differently?
12. What are your thoughts on the initial relationship between Sean and Toby? What about their relationship by the end of the book?
13. How significant was the absence of Sean’s father in how Sean turned out as an adult?
14. Why do you believe the author defined Kyle Kimble in a first person narrative, when up until that point, the story was told in third person?
15. Did you recognize any similarities between Sean Coleman and Kyle Kimble?
16. Do you believe Sean changed by the end of the book, or do you think only other people’s perceptions of him changed?
17. Are there any books that you would compare this one to? Why?
18. What do you think the future holds for Sean and Lisa?