

IMPERFECT LIVES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did Cooper go too far in his efforts to protect Fernando? Do you think his preoccupation with Fernando interfered with his initial ability to bond with the twins?
2. Cooper's reasons for confessing seem to shift. Why do you think he confessed?
3. Do you think Cooper wanted to be a good person? If so, how did he succeed? How did he fail?
4. What do you think life will be like for Lisa and the twins? Did anything in the novel hint at their futures?
5. As a young woman, Cindy left her mother and everyone she knew behind and never looked back. What do you think she was looking for in life? Do you think she found it?
6. Do you think Cindy's past created distance between her and her family or do you think Cindy managed to compartmentalize her before and after?
7. What do you think Cindy would have done if Tamara's son hadn't come home when he did? Do you think she would've carried out her plan?
8. Both of Cindy's parents made final grand gestures to help her. Was there redemption in this?
9. Did Cindy's epilogue surprise you? What do you think it says about her? Ultimately, do you think she's a good person?
10. Tamara seems to be looking for something in the stars. What do you think it is? Do you think she's found it? If not, do you think she ever will?
11. Why do you think Sam neglected to share his full past with Tamara? Did his feelings for Cindy play a role in that?
12. At the novel's conclusion, do you think Tamara is ready for a relationship with Kenneth?