

Book 6 Forgive Me Discussion Questions

1. In what instances do you see the book's theme of forgiveness?
2. Martin's illness prevents him from living the life he's grown accustomed to. How do you feel about his response? His parents' responses?
3. Jennifer feels guilty and partially responsible for Martin's condition. Do you think she should? Why or why not?
4. Johnny Reese suffered from both physical and sexual abuse. What are some ways other characters supported him? Can you think of additional ways to support someone who has experienced trauma or abuse?
5. In chapter 10, Max and Martin have a discussion about race. Have you ever made a snap judgment about someone based on their physical appearance, or have you ever felt as though someone made a snap judgment about you? How did Max learn to overcome his bias? In what ways can you learn to overcome your own bias?
6. In what ways does Martin's relationship with Max affect him?
7. Mr. West's need to protect Martin drives many of his actions throughout the story. Do you agree with his choices? Why or why not?
8. Josh Turner's drug addiction ultimately cost him his life, but what were some other contributing factors? If you or someone you know suffers from addiction, do you know what resources are available? (A list of resources can be found at the end of this guide)
9. Tammie's relationships with Devon and Max are complicated. How do you feel about the dynamics between them and Tammie's ultimate decision?
10. What were some of your favorite moments in the story?

There are numerous resources available to those suffering from mental disorders, addiction or abuse. In addition to providing assistance and practical steps, they are also a great educational resource for family, friends, and loved ones who wish to provide a better support system. A few of those resources are listed here:

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

(<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>)

National Hotline 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Addiction Center

(<https://www.addictioncenter.com>)

American Addiction Centers

(<https://www.alcohol.org/rehab-centers/teen-treatment/>)

Youth.Gov

(<https://youth.gov>)

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

(<https://www.thehotline.org/>)