



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

Somebody's Daughter by Ashley C. Ford

1. Ford grew up with this cloud over her father's absence and the knowledge that she wasn't supposed to ask about it. How do you think this affected her development as a person?
2. Discuss Ford's relationships with her mom and grandmother. In many ways, she is a lot closer to her grandmother than her mom. Why is that? Could you relate to Ford feeling closer to another family member than to her own mother?
3. Discuss how Ford's sense of self evolved after she transitioned from childhood to her teen years, and she experienced objectification from men. Did you find her experiences relatable in any way?
4. What role has education and the educational system played in Ford's life? How was it a lifeline for her? Can you relate to that experience or feeling?
5. For a lot of kids living in poverty, they often need just a glimpse of how life could be different to inspire them to pursue new opportunities, such as college. Discuss how Ford became determined to go to college. Do you think she would have made the same choices if she hadn't had the opportunity to see what college life was like while still in high school?
6. Discuss the risks in placing all your hopes and expectations for unconditional love on one single person. How does Ford navigate this with her relationship with Brett?
7. Ford finds the strength to forge a new kind of relationship with her father after his release. Could you be capable of that kind of forgiveness and generosity? What life experiences do you think led Ford to this decision?

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