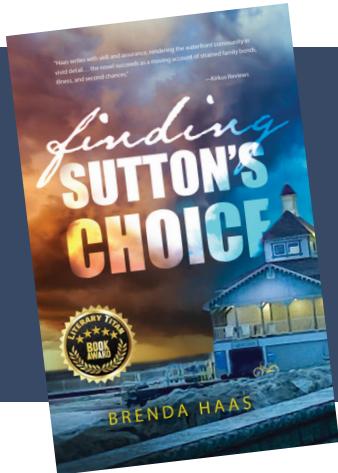


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Book Club Discussion

1. Charlotte left her small-town home right after graduation, with the intent of stepping out of her father's larger-than-life shadow. How did her independence help her grow? How did it not quite meet her social and/or career expectations?
2. Charlotte did not allow herself to get emotionally close to anyone after leaving Lakeside, including Elliot, her on-again, off-again boyfriend. Why do you think this is?
3. Charlotte said she returned to Lakeside simply to do her duty as Chuck's daughter. What do you think Charlotte *really* wanted to accomplish by returning? Discuss.
4. When Charlotte first came in contact with her half-brother, she was visibly upset. We saw little of Adam's reaction. What do you think he was feeling in that moment?
5. Why was "big city" Charlotte reluctant to see the good in "small town" Lakeside, Ohio? What are some misperceptions she had about her small-town upbringing?
6. Children do not come with directions. What are some different choices Chuck might/should have made while raising Charlotte? What are some unreasonable expectations or perceptions Charlotte had of her parents, either individually or as a married couple?
7. Alzheimer's disease greatly impacts patients and caregivers. Discuss. In *Finding Sutton's Choice*, how does the diagnosis change Charlotte's relationship with Chuck?
8. What are some aspects of the after-story that surprised you most?
9. What do you see in the unwritten future for Charlotte? For Adam? For other characters?
10. Discuss how the characters of Lakeside made you feel. Who were you rooting for? Who did you feel most connected to? Who did you recognize in yourself?

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