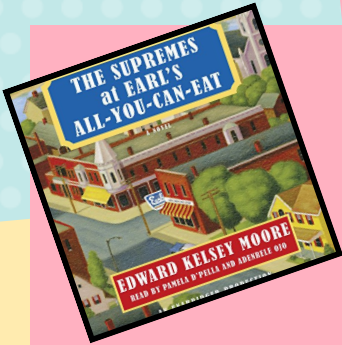


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## CHARACTERS

### KEY LADIES

Odette  
Clarice  
Barbara Jean

### KEY FELLAS

James  
Chick (Ray)  
Lester  
Richmond

### SUPPORTS

Mama (Odette's)  
Veronica  
Eleanor  
Roosevelt  
Big Earl  
Minnie  
Desmond

## QUOTES

"We overlooked each other's flaws and treated each other well, even when we didn't deserve it" (Odette, p. 37).

"Not knowing any better, I listened to what I was told about myself and grew up convinced I was a little brown warrior."  
(Odette, p. 26)

"Feeling bad about yourself is the entire point of going to church, Odette." (Clarice, p. 170)

"How do you forgive yourself for serving as your own jailer for three decades?" (Barbara Jean, p. 435)

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“Was it possible that she had allowed the person she loved the most in the world to believe she saw her as something other than beautiful?” (Clarice, p. 259)

“My friends and family found few things in life more comforting than the sight of me with my fists up and ready for battle.” (Odette, p. 172)

“...a fearless boy had some hope of growing up to be a hero, but a fearless girl would more than likely be a reckless fool.” (Dora Jackson p. 25)

“Her cousin had an awful way of making her look at her own worst traits just when she didn’t want to see them.” (Clarice, p.149)

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### LET'S CHAT

Why do you feel Odette is chosen to be the Supreme with a voice in the book? Why do you think the author chose to have Odette survive her cancer battle?

How do the circumstances of each woman's birth shape her choices as an adult? (Odette - sycamore tree, Barbara Jean - wrong side of the tracks, and Clarice - first Black baby born in a "white" hospital)

Consider the evolution of the three Supremes as the novel progresses. How did each Supreme change?

Ghosts appear in the story, sometimes offering comic relief. How did the inclusion of ghost characters enhance the story?

How did your feelings about Richmond change as the novel progressed?

As an Indiana resident, how did the setting impact your reading experience? Did you have a particular area in your mind as you read?