

Your Tomorrow Was Today – A Literary Debut by Oyindamola Dosunmu
Reading and Book Club Guide

1. Diverse philosophies of womanhood play a significant role in this novel. For Omo, womanhood signifies a sacrifice for family and society, while Karen may hold a different belief. How does Karen's philosophy evolve through her experiences compared to Omo's perspective? What are your thoughts on womanhood?
2. Discuss the character of Tunde Awoniyi. Tunde navigates complicated relationships with Karen and Stefanie. How do his interactions with them reveal deeper themes in the novel?
3. The women in the novel navigate unique challenges shaped by their circumstances and beliefs. How do their experiences compare to women's roles, struggles, and perspectives in your community? What broader themes arise from these similarities and differences?
4. Karen's final decision regarding Tunde and her estrangement from Omo mark significant points in her journey. What aspects resonated with you, and which were challenging to empathize with? How do these decisions shape your understanding of Karen as a character?
5. Saheed's presence in the novel serves a purpose: a representation of societal issues or an embodiment of personal struggles. How do you interpret his role, and how does it reflect real-life experiences or the people you have encountered?
6. Uloma's presence in the novel serves a purpose: a representation of societal issues or an embodiment of personal struggles. How do you interpret her role, and how does it reflect real-life experiences or the people you have encountered?
7. Omo's question, "Who do I belong to?" speaks to the complexities of womanhood. How does this question reflect her journey? How does it resonate with modern women juggling personal identity and external expectations?

8. Karen's visit to the clinic in Magodo represents a pivotal moment in her journey. How does her decision reflect the broader conversation surrounding a government's role in reproductive rights? What does her experience reveal about agency, societal expectations, and the interaction of personal and political choices?

9. Discuss the theme of power within the socio-cultural context of this novel. How do various characters interact with power in their environments? What does the story imply about power and its effects in real-life interactions?

10. Sisterhood and the role of the firstborn daughter in this novel highlight deep familial expectations. What is your perspective on how these roles shape individual identities? In what ways do these roles reflect broader societal expectations of modern women in different aspects of life?

Join the dialogue on Goodreads and StoryGraph!

We'd love to hear your thoughts—whether it's a lengthy reflection, a favorite line, or a moment that stayed with you. Join the conversation on Goodreads and StoryGraph and help us keep Karen's story alive through dialogue.

A Note from the Author

Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to follow Karen's story. Your support means a lot to me—until we meet again, dear friend.

Love,

Oyindamola.