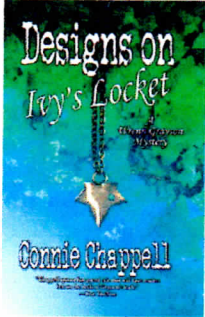


Discussion Questions



About the Book

Book Title: *Designs on Ivy's Locket*

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1. What are your general impressions of *Designs on Ivy's Locket*?
2. Discuss the theme behind the story: Parents and children separated by death, by theft, and by design.
3. Could you feel the shift in time when Wrenn sat down to read from Dexter St. John's journal? What are your impressions of Wyatt, Ohio?
4. Wrenn and Dexter St. John faced similar conundrums. Dexter had to leave Ivy's locket behind and go home. Wrenn had to accept the loss of a minute book assigned to her care. Discuss the emotions at play.
5. Discuss Wrenn's relationship with Kerry St. John throughout the story, the similarities between Kerry and Wrenn's father, and how those similarities affected Wrenn's judgment in solving the mystery.
6. Wrenn's personal life reveals strong issues of abandonment regarding her parents. Is Wrenn justified in harboring those feelings or should she attempt to overcome them and meet her parents halfway? In the same vein, discuss Gideon's observation: Wrenn "always gets a little crazy around Mother's Day," but "pushes the demons behind her just after Father's Day."
7. Did you enjoy Tarbutton's participation in the story? Why or why not?
8. Which clues surprised you when they were revealed? Which clues presented themselves as such immediately?
9. Who did you suspect were the villain(s) before Wrenn reasoned it out? Why?
10. What was your reaction to Annie Finney's letter of explanation to Tom Crowell?