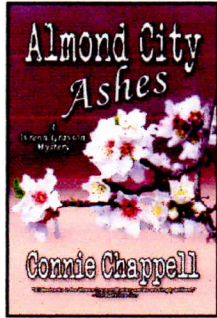


# Discussion Questions



## About the Book

Book Title: *Almond City Ashes*

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1. What are your general impressions of *Almond City Ashes*?
2. Describe your impressions of Clotilde Bronwyn's railroad car as the author walked you through it.
3. Clotilde Bronwyn and Virginia Reston maintained a lifelong friendship, much of it through letters. Are there similar situations in your family's past? Have you read the letters? What are the circumstances?
4. During her early visits to the Foundling estate, Wrenn experienced moments of being transported back to her childhood to relive forgotten memories. The mansion triggered those memories. Have you experienced similar experiences? What are the details?
5. College student Rae Hector plays heavily in the story. Describe your impressions of this character. Did you adjust your feelings as the story progressed?
6. What were your impressions of Clotilde Bronwyn's unique relationship with her uncle, Webster Bronwyn?
7. The story touches briefly on the existence of high school support groups for gay and lesbian students. Have similar organizations been established in the schools in your town?
8. In the chapter titled "Cusp of Surrender," what were your impressions of Wrenn's attempts to rationalize Thorley Pollick's proposed plan?
9. In the chapter titled "Unexpected Visitor," a man from Chicago arrives in Wrenn's office. How did he and his reminiscences of a younger Clotilde Bronwyn impact the story?