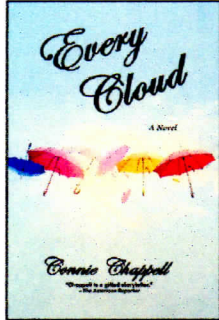


Discussion Questions



About the Book

Book Title: *Every Cloud*

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1. What are your general impressions of *Every Cloud*?
2. Discuss the individual dynamic between Artemus Deconcini and his four children: Demetri, Gus, Betsy, and Jillian.
3. What was your reaction to Jillian's expressive wall art? To the contrasting topics of lingerie and coyotes for her special feature in *Mystiques*?
4. What might you have done differently if you were Betsy, singled out to miss summer at the beach house? Did her summer at Moorings prove more valuable?
5. Gus's approach to love might be termed a modern version with its privacy rules and zig-zaggy sex. How did Tessa's character change that? What else influenced that relationship?
6. Demetri searches his soul during the graveyard scene (Chapter 19). Discuss his internal battles and motives.
7. Morgana Deconcini was prepared to fight the discrimination she faced. Compare Betsy's need to know the end of Morgana's story from the fourth diary with Demetri's need to reconcile his father's innocence based on Morgana's final entries?
8. Consider Artemus's guiding influences for his children. Did your impressions of the man change by the end of the story for better or worse?
9. Coyotes inhabiting the landscape is a theme. What is your personal experience with the animal in urban or suburban life?