The Violent Season by Sara Walters

- 1. What do you think of the 1st person narration?
- 2. How do you feel about Cash wanting to kill Porter Dawes as your introduction to him?
- 3. What do you think of a town where every November the people are overwhelmed with a hunger for violence?
- 4. How do you feel about Wyatt's house?
- 5. Would you want to live in Wolf's Ridge? Why or why not?
- 6. How do the flashbacks shape the story?
- 7. What do you think of Wyatt's obsession with Cash?
- 8. Do you think being assigned to a group project with someone different can change your life? Why or why not?
- 9. Who is your favorite character and why?
- 10. Who is your least favorite character and why?
- 11. On page 69, Wyatt thinks "I was used to spending my afternoons with Cash, sharing cigarettes and angst. Porter's willingness to be in a good mood felt unusual to me." Do you think moods are contagious?
- 12. How do you feel about the barn party?
- 13. What do you think of the cyberbullying of Kristen? Does it feel realistic?
- 14. How do you feel about the relationship between Wyatt and Cash?
- 15. What do you think of the idea of a vigil for Kristen?
- 16. How does that compare to the reality?
- 17. Could Porter have stopped what happened to Kristen?
- 18. What do you think of Wyatt's interaction with the police after the fire?
- 19. How does Porter seeing Wyatt and remembering stuff about her for years change the book?
- 20. Do you agree with the line from page 211, "Sometimes, the villain is in everyone."?
- 21. What do you think of Wyatt's obsession with death?
- 22. What do you think of Wyatt grabbing her dad's gun and going to look for Cash?
- 23. Do you think Cash has to believe everyone is bad?
- 24. Who do you think is responsible for Cash's death?
- 25. Did you enjoy the book?