

A Duty to the Dead by Charles Todd Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1st person narration?
2. Do you like Bess Crawford?
3. Does the historical setting feel realistic?
4. The book begins on a lovely day but it devolves quickly into crisis, does this pull you into the story?
5. How does Bess's broken arm change her viewpoint on the situation?
6. What do you think of Bess's need to give one of Arthur Graham's brothers his last message?
7. Bess's father says that "Courage will keep her safer than fear." Do you agree?
8. Is the Duty to the Dead satisfied when Bess passes the message onto Arthur?
9. What did you think of Bess helping the doctor with the patient with shelf shock?
10. Did you expect Bess to acquire a patient while visiting the Grahams?
11. What do you think of Peregrine?
12. Were you surprised the Peregrine escaped the asylum and hid in Bess's London flat?
13. Would you help Peregrine find his past if you were Bess?
14. What do you think of the story of Lucy's death?
15. How did the quote that the one the killed Lucy was the apple of his mother's eye strike you?
16. What do you think of the idea of six murders when it's introduced?
17. Who did you think was the murderer and why?
18. What do you think of Jonathan's confession?
19. Were you surprised by actual killer?
20. How shocking is a 9 year old killer?
21. Did you like the book?
22. Would you read more in the series?