

Skywatchers by Carrie Arcos Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3rd person narration from different characters' perspectives?
2. How does the prologue set up the story?
3. Is the prologue an effective introduction to the characters and the feel of the early 1950s?
4. Based on the title, Skywatchers, did you think the group was looking for Soviets?
5. How does the book convey the fear of communists and nuclear attacks during the Cold War?
6. What do you think of the development of the characters at the beginning of the book?
7. Who is your favorite character and why?
8. Who is your least favorite character and why?
9. Do you feel like any of the characters are unnecessary? Why or why not?
10. How does the story change when Eleanor dies?
11. Would you follow the light? Why or why not?
12. How do the characters change when they reappear after being missing for several days?
13. What do you think of Dr. Bill Miller's role in the book?
14. How does the theme of memory affect this book?
15. Do you find it surprising that most of the characters in the book smoke cigarettes? Why or why not?
16. What do you think of the spots behind John, Bunny, and Caroline's ears?
17. Would you want to remember what happened in those missing days? Why or why not?
18. What do you think of the new skills that John, Bunny and Caroline have like fighting, emergency medicine and speaking Mandarin?
19. How does John's attempt to protect the woman in the domestic violence situation illustrate his character?
20. Would you go back to get Teddy? Why or why not?
21. What do you think of the passage of time in the book?
22. How do you feel about jumping to the time they kids spent going toward the light in the 2nd part of the book In the Woods?
23. Did you expect John, Bunny, Caroline and Teddy to cross into a different version of Earth?
24. How do you feel about the brainwashing from the Ruu?
25. Would you want one of the enhancements that the Ruu offered to humans? Why or why not?
26. What do you think of Bunny, Caroline, John and Teddy's escape plan?
27. Why do you think Bunny and John went back to save Teddy?
28. How do you feel about Teddy getting wings?
29. Why do you think the kids all lied to the authorities about what happened?
30. Do you think it will be difficult for the kids to be kids again after what they experienced?
31. Did you like the book?