

## Wait for Signs by Craig Johnson Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1<sup>st</sup> person narration?
2. Have you read any Longmire books before or watched the television show?
3. Do you think you could enjoy this book without any prior knowledge of the characters?
4. What do you think of the introduction by Louis Diamond Phillips?
5. Which is your favorite story and why?
6. Which is your least favorite story and why?
7. Who is your favorite character and why?
8. What do you think of the atmosphere in the stories?
9. In the 1<sup>st</sup> story, Old Indian Trick, Walt and Lonnie Little Bird enter a diner a few minutes after a robbery occurs, what do you think of the set up of the story?
10. Did you figure out how Lonnie fingered the robber from the stupid fool filling out the job application?
11. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> story, Ministerial Aid, Walt climbs into the car of a woman waiting for Jesus on the first day of the year 2000, what do you think of the story?
12. The woman in her 80s is being abused by her husband and Walt tells him to stop, do you think the abuser stopped?
13. What does this story about Walt's frame of mind after the death of his wife?
14. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> story, Slick-Tongued Devil, a bible salesman conman shows up at Walt's with an engraved bible his wife ordered, did you expect the trajectory of the story?
15. What did you think of the twist of the obituary being six years old but Walt paying the conman anyway?
16. Why do you think Walt paid him?
17. In the 4<sup>th</sup> story, Fire Bird, Walt discusses the history of the town and Lucian's accident, what do you think of the story?
18. Did you realize the church lady was an arsonist and if so how?
19. In the 5<sup>th</sup> story, Unbalanced, Walt picks up a young woman on the way to her father's funeral, what did you think of the story?
20. What did you think of the resolution of the story?
21. In the 6<sup>th</sup> story, Several Stations, Walt reflects on his community theater debut while at a tractor trailer accident scene on Christmas Eve, what do you think of the story?
22. Would you want to live in Wyoming? Why or why not?
23. In the 7<sup>th</sup> story, High Holidays, Walt shows his knowledge by arresting marijuana smugglers who drove away without paying for gas and disguised themselves as members of the Hasidic Jewish community, what did you think of the story?
24. At the end, Walt mentions the snacks of a ham sandwich and pork rinds as being the big clue, what did you think?
25. In the 8<sup>th</sup> story, Toys for Tots, is about a Christmas shopping trip for Walt and his daughter Cady, does it sound like fun?
26. Why do you think Walt credited the young naval chaplain with stopping the robber rather than taking credit?
27. In the 9<sup>th</sup> story, Divorce Horse, a divorced couple continue arguing over a horse, is this believable?
28. What did you think of the description of the race?

29. In the 10<sup>th</sup> story, Thankstaking, a robber shows up at the Red Pony and Henry offers to buy his gun, what does this say about Henry?
30. Why do you think Henry asked him and his family to Thanksgiving?
31. In the 11<sup>th</sup> story, Messenger, Walt and Henry use their lovely fish to help a ranger and dumb tourist move a mama bear and her babies along, what do you think of the story?
32. Do you think the owl in the porta potty is really the spirit of Walt's imminent granddaughter Lola?
33. What did you think of the metaphysical aspects of the story?
34. In the 12<sup>th</sup> story, Petunia Bandit Queen of the Bighorns, Walt tells the legend of a wandering ewe and the order to kill her?
35. What did you think of Walt's solution?
36. Did you like the collection?
37. Would you read more in the series?