

## Only By Your Touch by Catherine Anderson Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person narration?
2. This book was originally published in 2003 and rereleased in 2021, does it feel dated?
3. Why is Anderson's dedication to her Shoshone ancestors an important part of the book? During the first scene in the feed store, how does the book portray living in a small town?
4. Do you think this is an accurate portrayal of small town life? Why or why not?
5. How do you feel about Rowdy, the puppy being so ill at the beginning of the book?
6. What do you think of Jeremy riding his bike up to Ben's house to try to save his puppy?
7. Is Chloe bursting into Ben's house looking for her son justified? Why or why not?
8. How would you feel if you encountered Ben's menagerie?
9. Who is your favorite character and why?
10. Who is your least favorite character and why?
11. What do you think of Ben's past and trauma?
12. What do you think of Chloe's past and trauma?
13. When did you figure out Ben's other job and what do you think of it?
14. Do you think Chloe should blame herself for Jeremy's abuse? Why or why not?
15. What do you think of the development of Chloe and Ben's relationship?
16. At any point did you think Chloe should go out with Bobby Lee? Why or why not?
17. How did the book surprise you?
18. What did you think about the way the sheriff handled Chloe's complaint about Bobby Lee?
19. How did the job offer at Christmas Village affect the story?
20. What do you think of the theme of trust in the book?
21. If a good employee complained about a deputy and quit because of him, should he be allowed to visit her new place of employment? Why or why not?
22. What did you think of Bobby Lee trying to break in and then showing up as the responding officer?
23. How did you feel about the way Chloe got away from Bobby Lee at her house?
24. Do you think calling another local deputy is a good idea? Why or why not?
25. Is the night after an attack by the man stalking her a good time for Chloe to insist she and Ben consummate their relationship? Why or why not?
26. How does Ben saving Sylvester the dog hit by a car in town affect the story?
27. After his run ins with the law, should Ben have allowed the police onto his land? Why or why not?
28. What did you think of confrontation over the murder weapon between Chloe and Bobby Lee?
29. What did you think of the ending and Chloe's confrontation with the sheriff?
30. Did you like the Epilogue? Why or why not?
31. Did you like the book?
32. Would you read more by the author?