

Because I Could Not Stop for Death by Amanda Flowers Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1st person narration?
2. How do you feel about historical mysteries in general?
3. Did you know much about Emily Dickinson before reading the book?
4. The first scene happens when Willa is going for a job interview and caught in the rain, is this a good starting point? Why or why not?
5. What do you think of the time period of the 1850s and the setting of Amherst?
6. How do you feel about the passage of time in the book?
7. Who is your favorite character and why?
8. Who is your least favorite character and why?
9. How does Henry's death on page 23 shape the story?
10. Why do you think Emily Dickinson wants to investigate Henry's death?
11. What do you think of the class distinctions in the book?
12. How do you feel about Emily and Willa's first visit to the stable where her brother died?
13. What do you think of Henry's diary?
14. How do the politics of the 1850s affect the story?
15. What do you think of the role of Willa's work in the book?
16. How does the Dickinson family's trip to Washington DC affect the story?
17. Did you figure out who the killer was and the motive before the reveal? If so when and how?
18. Why do you think Willa doesn't agree to marry Matthew?
19. What do you think of the Washington DC dinner party?
20. How do you feel about Emily's writing in the book?
21. What do you think of the themes of trust and lies in the book?
22. Do you think people would have noticed Willa asking everyone in town about the Underground Railroad?
23. What did you think of the bad guy monologue?
24. Did you like the book?
25. Would you read more in the series?