

Stick Figures from Rockport Book Club Discussion Guide

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This document contains questions that could spoil the plot! For the best experience, read the book before browsing the questions.

1. Loss is a strong theme. Tamsin was lured into isolation by the loss of Owen. At the start of the book, she is lured from her isolation into a new adventure by the loss of her mother. Thinking of other losses Tamsin endures, what choices does each make her face and how does she navigate those choices?
2. What is the real reason Tamsin refuses to include Margaret in her life? What kind of protection does she think she's securing by keeping Margaret at a distance?
3. The woods around Tamsin's Pennsylvania home are very different than the setting of Rockport. How do the two settings reflect those stages of her life?
4. The Rockport Tamsin knew as a child was not the same as the Rockport she revisited as an adult. In what ways do her experiences and memories impact her perspectives on the town?
5. Ansel was named for Ansel Adams, the black and white photographer. In what ways is his character symbolic to Tamsin's journey?
6. Upon returning home from Rockport, Tamsin loses the snowglobe pin. She is thrown into despair but probably not for the reasons she thinks. What inner shift occurs for Tamsin in this moment?
7. Unable to see flaws in the past, Tamsin chooses to recall a perfect childhood. In the last few chapters, in what ways does she come to terms with those flaws?
8. Tamsin and Margaret's relationship is shaped by anxiety, each anticipating the worst from the other. What triggers Tamsin's change of perspective? How does Margaret's perspective change through the course of the book?
9. For all their differences, in what ways are Tamsin and Margaret's paths mirror images?
10. How was Ida impacted as a result of meeting Tamsin and Margaret?
11. In what ways does the title illustrate the theme of the book?
12. Imagining a sequel, what do you hope happens for Tamsin in the future? For Margaret, Ida, and Ansel?



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