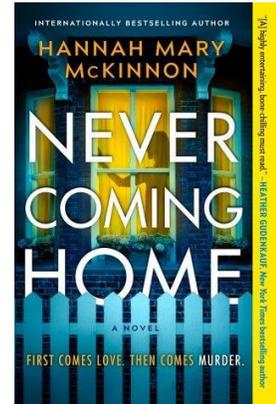


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Discussion Questions

Please note these questions contain **spoilers**.

You may wish to review them after you've finished the novel.



- 1) What did you think of Lucas? Did you at any point in the story think what he did to Michelle was somehow, even a tiny bit, justified? Why, or why not?
- 2) What do you make of Lucas's statement: "I don't adhere to the logic parents are responsible for their offspring's mistakes for all eternity"? Do you think Lucas's father was somehow responsible for how his son turned out? If so, why?
- 3) How do you think Lucas may have grown up to be as an adult if his mother and baby sister hadn't died? Was that the life-defining event for him or were there others along the way?
- 4) Do you believe Lucas was searching for something other than money and more advanced health care for his father? If so, what was it? Was there any nobility in his end game?
- 5) Did your allegiances shift at any point during the story? Toward whom, why, and when? Did Lucas have any redeeming qualities, and if so, what were they?
- 6) What scene was the most pivotal in the story for you? How would the novel have changed if it had been different, or hadn't taken place? What did you expect to happen?
- 7) What surprised or shocked you the most? What didn't you see coming? What was obvious?
- 8) What did you make of the collaboration between the women? Is what they did acceptable? Why or why not? What might you have done in Michelle's situation? Do you think Nora favored one child over the other?
- 9) How do you feel about the ending? Was justice served and if you think it was, what did you make of its delivery? Was it fair?
- 10) What do you expect will happen to Lucas? Do you think there's a chance he might escape, and would you want him to?
- 11) If you could choose for any of the deceased characters to live, which one would it be and why?