

A MILLION LITTLE CHOICES

Reading Guide Discussion Questions

Spoiler Alert: Questions contain key plot points to the story.



1. Early on in the story, we learn Stephen has had a “near affair” in the recent past. Discuss Claire’s behavior in relation to that discovery, especially in light of what your own reaction might be. In what ways is a “near affair” similar to a “full blown” affair? In what way is it different? Or is it?
2. Discuss Claire and Stephen’s daughter Maggie and their relationship with her. Do you see evidence of them using Maggie as a pawn in their marriage? How does this affect Maggie? Discuss the ways a fractured marriage affects the children, no matter their age.
3. Claire and Bernice hit it off from the get-go. Have you ever befriended someone you considered a godsend during a particularly harsh time of life? How did that person help you through that difficulty and what were their most important attributes? Likewise, discuss the intricacies of Charlotte and Nettie’s relationship, specifically in the era in which they lived.
4. Stephen apologizes repeatedly to Claire, yet she struggles with truly forgiving him. Discuss Jesus’ command in Matthew 6:14-15 in light of Claire’s forgiveness journey in the novel. Can you truly forgive an unfaithful spouse and yet still divorce?
5. About a third of the way through the book, after Claire discovers the awful truth, we meet Charlotte and Nettie and are immersed in their nineteenth century world, and the lives of four women, over one hundred and fifty years apart, converge. What are the similarities in their struggles? What are the differences? What stands out to you most in terms of the historical versus contemporary perspective?

6. Have you ever visited an antebellum home? If so, what was your experience as you walked those hallways and rooms? In a culture that often seeks to rewrite history, how does an individual (and a nation) acknowledge the horrible truths about its past while also seeking to honor the memory of those enslaved? To sow seeds of reconciliation (especially in light of 2 Corinthians 4)? How familiar are you with the Southern history revealed in this novel? And specifically, the Underground Railroad?
7. Have you or someone you loved experienced infidelity in your marriage? At one point in the novel, Bernice reveals her own truth about infidelity. Did you see this coming? How did you relate to Bernice's character? To her experiences and the counsel she gives to Claire?
8. In the latter part of the book, Jane, the marriage counselor, shares a story with Claire from the Old Testament (God's covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15) that forces Claire to face her *own* infidelity. How did you respond to this? What are your thoughts on Claire's response? And more importantly, in what's revealed about God's unchanging character?
9. Portions of this story are taken from Charlotte Thursmann's (fictional) journal. Have you ever wished you had a journal like this from your great-great-great grandmother or grandfather? Have you taken the time to write down eternal truths for those you love who will follow in your footsteps? What did Charlotte share in the final pages of her journal about this present life and eternity? How are *you* living that way?
10. What's a lasting nugget of truth or spark of encouragement you're taking with you from this story? How will you live like a river (and not a lake) and share this with someone else?

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