

*Good Friday*

Discussion Questions

1. Put yourself in Will Studebaker's place. Could you believe Joan? Do you think time travel is possible?
2. Do you think Joan has true feelings for Will Studebaker, or is he the fool she decided to find? Can a person love two people at once?
3. Why do you think Wolk included the tale of "The Fisherman and The Jinni" in Harry's storyline? What is the significance? What, if anything, did it mean to you?
4. Once he reads the letter from Lincoln, Harry becomes obsessed with finding Joan Matcham and knowing what happened. Would you have read the letter? If yes, would you have felt compelled to meet Joan?
5. Wolk never clearly tells us what Harry plans to do once he figures out the mystery between Joan and Lincoln. What did you think he would do? What was he truly after, just the truth? Were you surprised at how he handled it at the end?
6. Why do you think Lincoln could travel to 1955 for a whole day, but Joan can only travel back for a few moments? It seems once she knows about time travel she's forced to slip between past and present. How do you think Lincoln's lack of understanding time travel prevents this?
7. Joan doesn't question what effect her actions may have on history, or on the United States, when she tries to warn Lincoln about his assassination. What would you have done? Would you have tried to alter history? Are there some things more important than love?
8. Imagine Lincoln hadn't been assassinated. How might his legacy have been altered? Would he still be considered one of the greatest United States Presidents if he weren't killed? Was Lincoln a martyr?
9. What do you imagine happens to the characters at the end of the book? Harry goes back to visit his family, but what about Joan and Will? What about Lincoln's unborn child? What do you think will happen next?