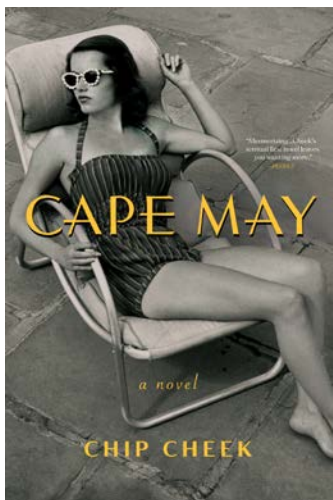




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CAPE MAY BY CHIP CHEEK

Discussion Questions



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1. How does the anonymity provided by a mostly-empty seaside town contribute to the story?
2. How does the time period inform the characters' interactions and decisions throughout the book?
3. Henry is only 20 years old, and Effie just 18. Do their ages change how you feel about them? Why or why not?
4. What role do wealth and status play in the characters' perspectives on life and on each other?
5. Discuss how you feel about Alma.
6. Marriage involves both give and take. What does Henry give? Take? How about Effie? What can this tell us about their relationship from beginning to end?
7. Is it possible to define a “breaking point” for a marriage? What factors have to be considered? Do you think it is possible to truly forgive?
8. Would Henry and Effie's marriage have been different if they hadn't gone to Cape May for their honeymoon?
9. Discuss how you feel about the epilogue.

SET IN THE FALL OF 1957, *CAPE MAY* IS THE STORY OF HENRY AND EFFIE, TWO YOUNG NEWLYWEDS FROM GEORGIA WHO ARRIVE IN CAPE MAY, NEW JERSEY, FOR THEIR HONEYMOON ONLY TO FIND THE BEACH TOWN DESERTED. THEY'RE READY TO CUT THE TRIP SHORT WHEN A CHANCE ENCOUNTER WITH CLARA, A BEAUTIFUL SOCIALITE, AND MAX, HER LOVER, OPENS THE DOOR TO AN INTOXICATING WORLD OF DRAMA AND DESIRE.