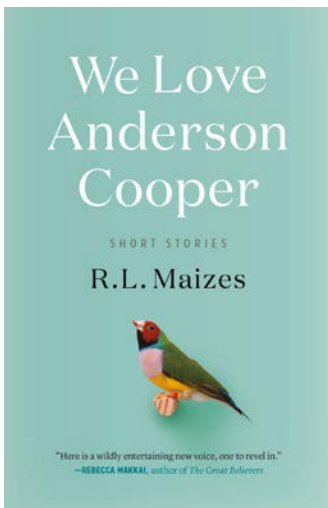




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1. What was your favorite story and why?
2. What themes did you notice in the stories?
3. What were the themes carried through more than one story?
4. *Publisher's Weekly* described the author's style of writing as "direct." Do you agree or disagree with that characterization? What other words could be used to describe the author's style?
5. Did any of the stories remind you of episodes or challenges in your own life?
6. In the story "The Infidelity of Judah Maccabee," members of an interfaith couple fight about whether to celebrate Christmas. What are the main character, Barry's, fears about observing the holiday?
7. Some of the stories contain magical realism ("Tattoo," "Couch," and "A Cat Called Greivous"). How did your experience reading those stories differ from reading the realist stories?
8. In the story "L'Chaim," a woman makes a decision regarding a marriage. What does the author's attitude toward that decision seem to be? As a reader, do you agree or disagree with the decision?
9. Which story had the most satisfying ending? Why?

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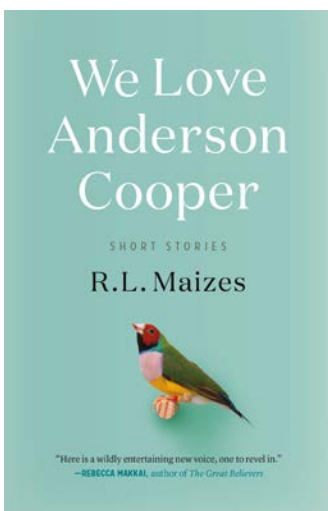
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10. In the title story, “We Love Anderson Cooper,” what does the main character, Markus, know about himself at the end of the story that he didn’t know about himself at the beginning?
11. In the story “Collections,” what was Maya’s relationship to Peter? What does Maya think her relationship to Peter was? What does Peter’s daughter think?
12. The story “A Cat Called Greivous” begins with the line, “In the end we were a family.” What do you think the author means by that line?
13. “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18). How does this apply to the main character, Trey, in “Tattoo”?
14. Two of the stories feature cats (“A Cat Called Greivous” and “The Infidelity of Judah Maccabee”). How is the use of the cats in the stories similar? How is it different?
15. The story “No Shortage of Birds” ends with the line, “The bird was Charlotte’s now.” What might the author mean by that line?
16. Who is directly to blame for the tragedy in “Yiddish Lessons”? Is more than one person directly responsible? Is society in any way responsible? How?

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