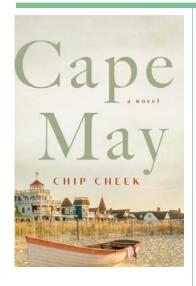


CAPE MAY BY CHIP CHEEK

Discussion Questions



WHAT IF THE
DEFINING MOMENT
OF YOUR MARRIAGE
HAPPENED ON YOUR
HONEYMOON?

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- 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?
- Discuss how you feel about the epilogue.

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