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# THE WHISPER MAN BY ALEX NORTH

## Discussion Questions



TITLE: *The Whisper Man*  
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1. As a parent, it can be difficult to balance your own needs with those of your child, especially when dealing with grief. How well do you think Tom balanced his and Jake's shared grief after the death of Jake's mother?
2. Given the trauma various characters faced as children, how accountable do you think they are for their actions as adults?
3. What do you think the book is saying about how we inherit characteristics from our parents, particularly our fathers? Is this inheritance inevitable?
4. With father-son relationships being so central to this book, how do you think the story would have been or felt different if Rebecca was alive instead of Tom?
5. Who did you believe was the copycat killer? What were some of your other theories about who the copycat killer was and what their relationship was to Frank Carter?
6. How does the small-town setting affect the events of this story? Would an urban or a rural setting have drastically changed the way the characters interacted with one another? How would it have changed the atmosphere of the book?
7. How did you feel about Jake's imaginary friend? Do you think it was an effective/healthy coping mechanism?

In this dark, suspenseful thriller, Alex North weaves a multi-generational tale of suspense, as a father and son are caught in the cross hairs of an investigation to catch a serial killer preying on a small town.

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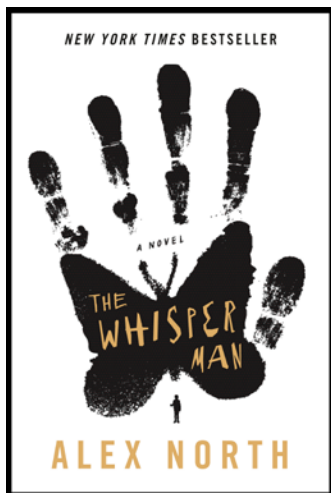
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8. How did you feel about the book's final chapter? Did you find the book's ending satisfying? Did you feel that justice was served?
9. This book features many imperfect characters. Did you feel that any were successfully redeemed by the end, and if so, what made you feel that they were worthy of redemption?
10. This book has many different kinds of scary moments, from supernatural creepiness to serial-killer horror. Which did you find the scariest? How did the author create the feeling of suspense in those moments?

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