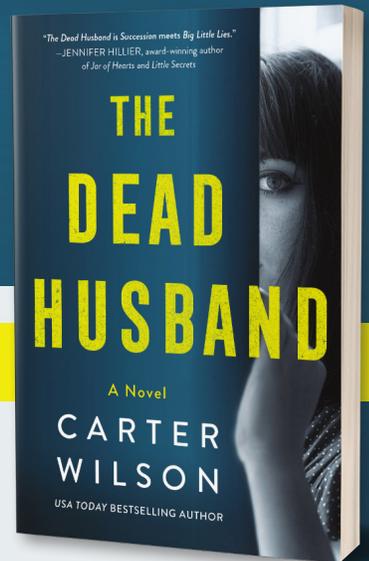


THE DEAD HUSBAND

CARTER WILSON



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Rose insists she's different from the rest of her family, but by the end of the book, we learn that's not quite true. Do you think we have any say in what we inherit and whether we have control over it?
2. Characterize Logan Yates. What seems to be his main motivation?
3. Compare Rose's marriage and Detective Pearson's marriage. How are they different? In what ways, if any, are they similar?
4. Think about Detective Pearson's mother. How does she act at night versus during the day? What makes her spiral out of control?
5. Put yourself in Rose's shoes. If you witnessed a horrific crime committed by a family member, would you turn them in? Why or why not?
6. Describe the Yateses' position in Bury. How are they treated by people in town? How do they treat others?
7. List the ways Rose tries to cope with the memory of Caleb's murder. What activities do you turn to when trying to process something difficult?
8. Max behaves strangely throughout the story. Describe his erratic behavior. Why does he act this way?
9. It's clear that Cora is capable of incredible cruelty and violence. Why do you think she killed Caleb?
10. This story explores how far parents will go to protect their children, even if it means doing something morally wrong. To what extent is a crime justifiable if done to protect a loved one?
11. What do you think happens to Rose and Max after the story ends? Do they get away?