

Discussion Questions

1. Despite thirty years and a happy life, Amelia still feels the pain of Elliott's abandonment. Have you had similar instances in your life? If so, how have you found peace?
2. Julia and Amelia have a complicated relationship. Who did you relate to better between the two women?
3. Did you see elements of your own mother-daughter relationship in Julia and Amelia's relationship?
4. Do you feel that Peter used his dogs as a distraction after losing his first wife?
5. Are you a dog person? Why or why not?
6. Peter has lived under the shadow of his parents' choices all his life. Have you ever been in a similar situation?
7. How did you feel about Elliott's marriage campaign at the start of this story? Did your feelings change regarding the marriage campaign by the end of the story?
8. Which couple's story did you find the most compelling?