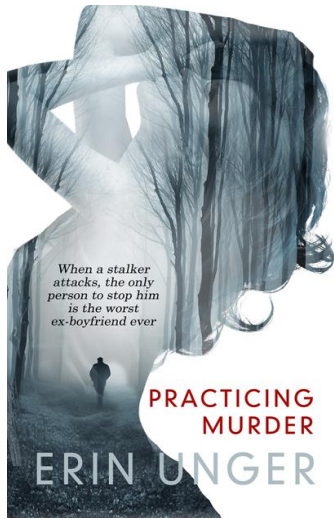


Discussion Questions



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About the Book

Graduate student Maddie Clare is never talking to her ex-boyfriend Joze Evans or God again. Still broken from Joze's betrayal, Mattie has to go home for her Aunt Lonna's funeral. But after a run-in with a stalker who insists Maddie knows the secret that had Aunt Lonna investigating him, Mattie is afraid for her life and must accept Joze's protection.

As the stalker draws closer, Maddie and Joze have to face the past and a love that never died. Maddie sees she needs God's help to end her fears and to get through the new danger.

Can Maddie stay out of the stalker's grip long enough to figure out who he is and what secret he possesses? And how will Joze keep Mattie from being buried with the stalker's true identity?

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Question 1: 8. Joze and Maddie need to create a foundation on Christ for their relationship. How important is it to make Him the foundation of any relationship?

Answer 1: It is of utmost importance. Without Christ at the center, relationships chances of failure are very high.

Question 2: Maddie doesn't want to forgive God because of her attack from a trusted friend. What is her healing process?

Answer 2: She begins to see God's hand of protection as she runs from the stalker.

Question 3: Joze has spent years being angry at Maddie. What does the Bible say about anger?

Answer 3: Ephesians 4:31, James 1:20, Ephesians 4:26

Question 4: Maddie was mainly raised by her aunt even though she lived in a combined family with her mother, aunt, and cousins. How does this affect her life choices as an adult?

Answer 4: Maddie doesn't trust her mother or see her as a mother figure, which makes her quick to step into a motherly role for her cousins when they come home for the funeral.

Question 5: Is Maddie struggling with forgiveness toward her mom as well?

Answer 5: Yes, she often thinks how her mom wasn't there for her as she grew up.

Question 6: Joze wants to make Maddie believe the truth about God. Can we force others to believe in God and His truths? Discuss this issue.

Answer 6: No, we plant the seed, God gives the increase.

Question 7: The age-old question of how God could let bad things happen to good people is a main theme in this novel. How does Maddie come to accept the truth to this statement?

Answer 7: She comes to see that even when bad things happen, God is there to see her through the situation with His comfort and love.

Question 8: Have you ever walked away from God for a time because you felt letdown? What brought you back to Him?

Answer 8:

Question 9: What did you learn from reading this novel?

Answer 9 God is sovereign, He knows the plans he has for us and we should trust Him even when bad things happen.

Question 10: Who was your favorite character in Practicing Murder? Why?

Answer 10:

