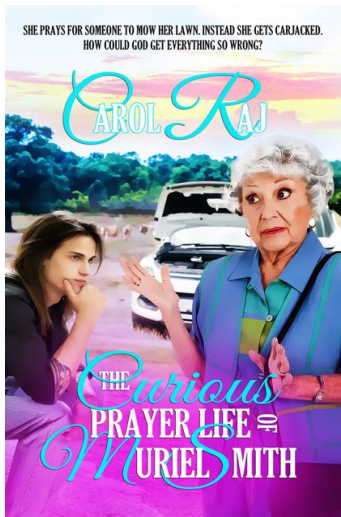


## Discussion Questions

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### **THE CURIOUS PRAYER LIFE OF MURIEL SMITH**

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### **About the Book**

One unlocked car door, one glance to the left, and suddenly impoverished retiree Muriel Smith is hurtling down the road at an alarming thirty miles per hour!

Will the teenage carjacker really shoot to kill? Muriel can't die yet. Not until she's accomplished something to make her daughter proud. Not until she's seen her great-grandchild, the unborn baby her granddaughter isn't sure she wants to keep.

It seems Muriel is running out of time. Especially if her survival depends on her driving skills!

Muriel and her carjacker find themselves on a wild adventure that has them both falling "victim" to Muriel's curious prayer life.

TITLE: The Curious Prayer Life Of Muriel Smith  
Discussion:

Question 1: Roxanne is not very pleasant. Why do you think Muriel is friends with her?

Answer 1: Muriel is lonely; they live in the same neighborhood; they've known each other a long time.

Question 2: How does Muriel's relationship to her dead husband change?

Answer 2: Gradually. He is still the center of her life, then she plans to trash his CDs, then she realizes it's okay for her to move on.

Question 3: Do you think Kevin should have lied to Vernon about Muriel's imaginary medical problems?

Answer 3: Discussion question; no right or wrong answer

Question 4: Muriel wonders if Natalie might have turned out better if she raised her differently. What do you think?

Answer 4: Nature vs. Nurture. Maybe Natalie would have rough edges taken off.

Question 5: Should Muriel have sued Kevin's parents?

Answer 5: It was to her advantage to become friends with them. Otherwise she wouldn't have met Clarence.

Question 6: Is Muriel's poverty a true obstacle in her relationship with Clarence? Or are her views too old-fashioned?

Answer 6: Clarence doesn't consider her objections valid.

Question 7: What is a Gideon's fleece? How is it different from tossing a coin?

Answer 7: See Judges 6: 36-40. Asking God for an answer is different than tossing a coin.

Question 8: Muriel says Chloe should have done things in a different order. What does she mean?

Answer 8: Marry before becoming intimately involved.

Question 9: Does Muriel's view of God change during this book?

Answer 9 Yes. She has a limited view of His powers at the beginning and doesn't want to bother Him with small things. At the end she realizes His thoughts are higher than hers.

Question 10: How would Muriel have responded to the carjacking if she were not a Christian?

Answer 10: More panic. Maybe more of a desire to hurt Kevin.

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