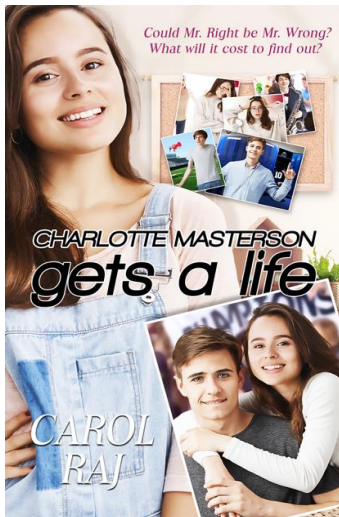


Discussion Questions



CHARLOTTE MASTERSON GETS A LIFE

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About the Book

High school sophomore Charlotte Masterson isn't smart enough to be a nerd, isn't musical enough to be a band geek, or pretty enough to be popular. But when the handsome quarterback unexpectedly asks her out, she becomes part of the in crowd. It's every girl's dream come true.

Too bad she still has to depend on good old Rodney, teachers' pet, for rides. Too bad her mother is so unreasonably strict. A ten PM curfew? Just because she lied? It's not fair.

But maybe there's more to other people than Charlotte realizes. And maybe she doesn't even know everything about herself. When Charlotte Masterson gets a life, life gets interesting.

TITLE: Charlotte Masterson Gets A Life
Discussion:

Question 1: When do you first suspect that Tony may be flawed?

Answer 1: When he ignores Charlotte in the hall.

Question 2: What's your first impression of Rodney?

Answer 2: Nice guy. He helps Charlotte with her books. Teachers like him.

Question 3: Why is Charlotte's mother so strict?

Answer 3: She's afraid Charlotte will make the same mistake she did, and she wants to protect Charlotte from the consequences.

Question 4: Should Charlotte's father have followed her to Tony's house?

Answer 4: Yes. He's protecting her.

Question 5: Why does Charlotte lie frequently to her mother but not to the police?

Answer 5: She has more respect for the police and more fear of the consequences of lying to them.

Question 6: Should Charlotte's mother have told her about her own high school experiences?

Answer 6: Discussion question. The truth may have served as a warning to Charlotte or may have encouraged her to follow her mother's footsteps.

Question 7: Charlotte's father doesn't want his wife to donate a kidney to Charlotte. Is he right or wrong?

Answer 7: Discussion question. Only time will tell.

Question 8: Name some things Charlotte misunderstands.

Answer 8: She thinks: Tony loves her, Rodney and Stacy are dating, the jeweler cheated Tony, her parents are divorcing, Mom is praying she won't have to give up a kidney.

Question 9: What indication do you have that Charlotte changed after her conversion?

Answer 9 She helps Tiffany with her math homework.

Question 10: Julie says Charlotte is waiting for a fairy tale prince to rescue her. How is this attitude reinforced by movies? Is it good or bad?

Answer 10: Definitely unreasonable in today's society, but still present in lots of movies.

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