

HUNTED Reader Questions

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1. How do the characters' pasts influence their current actions? How are the histories of FBI profiler Evelyn Baine and the Bakersville Burier similar? What does that say about the influence of genetics versus environment? How much does personal choice play a part?
2. How does sexual discrimination and sexual violence impact the story, and in what ways? How do cultural views impact the Bakersville Burier's choice of burial style and what does that say about views related to gender roles?
3. How do various forms of profiling come into play in the story? What does it say about protagonist Evelyn Baine that she can understand the motivations of killers, but has trouble dissecting social cues?
4. How does the issue of abandonment play out in the novel? Does Evelyn Baine's insistence on self-reliance ultimately help or hurt her?
5. How does the theme of redemption play out in the story? How does survivor's guilt impact the need of certain characters to gain self-redemption?
6. How often does viewpoint impact the perception of events? Are Evelyn Baine's interpretations of her colleagues' motivations and actions always correct? How reliable a narrator is she?
7. How does Evelyn Baine change through the course of the novel? At the end of the story, do you feel that she is substantially different than she was at the start?
8. How do the various relationships influence the plotline? How does Evelyn's past impact her relationships with her friends and family, and how does it impact potential new relationships, such as the developing relationship with Kyle MacKenzie?
9. How does the fact that the crimes and investigations happen in a small town change the dynamics of the character interactions? How do race, gender and size play a part in this?
10. How does being a victim affect Evelyn's profile? Can she be effective and impartial as a profiler after being a victim? How did that change her view of herself, and the way others viewed her?