

Book Group Discussion Questions

THE TROUBLE WITH TULIP

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1. Why do you think Jo was so eager to marry Bradford? If you could talk to Jo Tulip about her love life, what advice would you give her?
2. What happens to a child who is moved around excessively and cannot form many connections? Do you think this is accurately reflected in the character of Jo Tulip?
3. What did Jo get from her grandparents that served to counteract her own parents? Do you think God sometimes gives us other people to fill in the holes left by bad parenting?
4. Why is Danny reluctant to share his feelings with Jo? How do you think she might respond if she were aware of his feelings?
5. In what ways are Jo and Danny perfect for each other? In what ways would they have problems if they did get together?
6. Did you like the character of Simon? If so, what is it that makes him likeable even though some of his behaviors are reprehensible?
7. Do you think an 11th-hour conversion for a criminal is fair? What do you think was the difference between the two thieves who hung on each side of Jesus at Calvary? Why did one accept and one did not?
8. How was Edna like her brother? How was she different?
9. As you read this book, did you pick up any useful household hints? What sort of areas should Jo Tulip tackle as she seeks to modernize her column?
10. How might a knowledge of household hints be useful in solving crime?

