



ECHOES OF TITANIC

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Book Group Discussion Questions

1. As the story begins, we see that Kelsey is a singularly focused workaholic who is both talented and successful. Which elements of this story lead her to question this behavior? By the end of the book, who do you think has had the biggest impact on helping her change her ways: her mother, Cole, or someone else? How does Gloria's death play into this transition? How does Kelsey's relationship with God affect it as well?
2. Rupert Brennan claimed he just wanted to know the truth and he was not interested in money. Do you think that is true? Why do you think Brennan & Tate settled with his father years before? Was that a good idea? Was there any other way the company could have handled this situation?
3. As the CEO of Brennan and company, Walter is responsible for putting the company's interests first. In that regard, is he justified in his treatment of Kelsey? How could he have handled things differently? Do you think he came to realize her value to the company in the end?
4. Kelsey and her father have always been close. In the wake of his stroke, does this element of their relationship still shine through? How did you feel about their interactions? Do you think he will ever recover enough to become a viable part of Brennan & Tate again?
5. Cole contacts Kelsey when he discovers that she is in trouble. Do you think he did this purely out of an altruistic desire to help her, or do you think he knew it might lead to a rekindling of their relationship? In what ways do Cole and Kelsey make a good match?
6. Gloria paid a heavy price for her actions. What set her down this path? What could she have done to avoid her fate? In your opinion, is she redeemed for having changed her mind near the end?
7. As the ship is sinking, Jocelyn makes a surprising choice to ally herself with one person rather than another. Why do you think she made such a choice? What was it about her character that influenced that decision?
8. Cole thought he had forgiven Kelsey and moved on, but during a conversation one insensitive comment from her was like gasoline on flame, causing his anger to explode anew, surprising him. Have you ever thought you had forgiven someone, only to find out you were still dealing with the issues that upset you? Do you find that forgiveness is an ongoing process or a one-time event, or different for each situation you face?
9. Both Adele's son, Jonah, and her grandson, Nolan, indicated they weren't completely certain Adele was who she said she was, and yet it did not seem matter to either of them. How hard would it be to live with that question hanging over your life? As a parent, like Adele's father, Sean, how much investigation would you do? As a son, how much trust would you have? And as a grandson, especially one who worked so closely with her, how much skepticism would you have?
10. More than 1500 people on Titanic never reached America. Can we ever assess the impact of such a huge loss? Why do you think people are still fascinated by what happened with Titanic 100 years later?