

ONE TRUE LOVE – Barbara Freethy - READER'S GUIDE

1. Maggie suffers a personal meltdown after discovering a woman's message for her belated husband, so she begs Lisa to watch her children as she puts her life together. While she feels guilty about leaving them, she still takes her trip and spends time and financial resources on a search for the mysterious woman.

Do you think Maggie made the right decision in leaving her children or do you think she was being selfish? Have you ever needed to get away from your life? What happened to bring you to that point? Were you able to step away entirely? If so, did it help? Have you ever put your needs ahead of your loved ones? Has someone you loved ever put their needs ahead of yours? How did you feel about it then?

2. After the death of their baby, Lisa closes herself off emotionally from her friends, her family and her husband, and Nick turns to alcohol.

Do you think their responses to Robin's death are justifiable? How have you coped with the death of a loved one?

3. Lisa advises Maggie not to go after Serena, but Maggie cannot stop until she knows the truth. She says she needs to be free of the stress and the tension of not knowing if her husband was having an affair.

If you had evidence of a partner's affair even while believing in your heart it wasn't possible, would you need to uncover the truth? Do you relate to Maggie's search for the truth or do you think she should have trusted her feelings in Keith?

4. Lisa refuses to believe in the magic of the bracelet or the robins. When presented with evidence of the overwhelming coincidences and magic around her, she reasons that if the bracelet was really magic, then her daughter wouldn't have died.

Do you believe in magic? How do you reconcile magic or believing in the unknown when good and bad things happen? Has something happened in your life that was too coincidental to be just a coincidence?

5. At one point, Nick muses that he shouldn't love someone who walked out on him at the darkest moment of his life.

Do you agree with Nick's assessment? Is he equally culpable in abandoning Lisa at her time of need by turning to alcohol? Have you ever abandoned a loved one in need? What were your reasons? Have you ever been abandoned by someone at the time you needed them the most? Were you able to be forgiven or to forgive?

I hope you enjoyed ONE TRUE LOVE and that these questions inspire some interesting discussion. Happy Reading!

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