



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR DAMNED IF I DO : STORIES BY PERCIVAL EVERETT

1. What were your overall thoughts on the collection? Did any story stand out to you more than others? Why?
2. What recurring themes did you notice across the stories? How does Everett explore ideas like race, identity, morality, or existentialism?
3. How does Everett shape the characters in each story? Are there any characters that you found particularly relatable or thought-provoking?
4. How does the narrative style in "Damned If I Do" contribute to the reader's experience? Do you find Everett's mix of humor and seriousness effective?
5. Everett often blurs the lines between genres. How does the blending of genres (comedy, satire, realism) affect your interpretation of the stories?
6. How does the title "Damned If I Do" resonate with the themes in the book? In what ways do the characters grapple with the notion of being "damned" for their actions or inactions?
7. How does Everett address race in his stories? What does he seem to be saying about the complexities of Black identity in America?
8. Several characters face moral dilemmas throughout the stories. How do they navigate these challenges? What do you think Everett is trying to say about human nature?
9. Which story did you find the most impactful, and why? How did it make you think differently about its subject matter?
10. How do the endings of certain stories leave you feeling? Are they open-ended or conclusive, and how do they add to the overall message?
11. How do the themes of the stories apply to contemporary issues? Do the stories feel timeless or grounded in a particular era?
12. How does Everett use humor and absurdity to comment on cultural or societal norms?
13. Were there any moments or characters that you found personally relatable? How did the stories resonate with your own experiences or beliefs?
14. Did any story or concept in the book challenge your views or assumptions? If so, how?



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15. Overall Impact: What is your biggest takeaway from "Damned If I Do"? How did this collection shape your understanding of Everett's work or broader societal issues?
16. Recommendation: Would you recommend this collection to others? Why or why not?

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