

- 1) How do you think you would react if you met someone claiming to be God at the laundromat, or anywhere else for that matter? Would you believe right away or would you, like Annie, demand a lot of proof? Is this something you would like to have happen, or would you prefer to never meet a Messiah in person?
- 2) Do *you* think Violet is who she says she is? Why do you think the author chose to have her be so young? Female? Pierced and tatted?
- 3) Why do you think Violet makes Annie go through all the “work” to come to her realizations and epiphanies, as opposed to just doing what Annie refers to as using her “little Messiah magic tricks?”
- 4) If you suspected your spouse was having an affair, would you, like Annie, choose to ignore the elephant in the room or would you initiate a confrontation right away? Do you think Annie and Jack’s marriage will survive his infidelity? Why or why not?
- 5) Have you ever learned something from your children that made you feel like the parenting tables had been turned? Have you ever found out your children knew a secret you’d thought you’d successfully kept from them?
- 6) Do you think God, (or a Higher Force or your Soul or whatever you want to call it) communicates with you? Do you have any examples from your own life?
- 7) Symbolism is prevalent throughout the story. Give some examples and describe what you think these symbols (Juicy Fruit/Mobius strip, etc.) mean.
- 8) Do you live in the moment, the Now, or do you find yourself, like Annie, worrying about the future or dwelling in the past?
- 9) The author draws on her belief that we all create our own realities. Do you think you have the ability to create your own reality? Do you have any examples from your own life that demonstrate this ability to be true or not true? Did you read *The Secret* and try its techniques? If so, what were your results and why do you believe you were successful or unsuccessful?
- 10) How do you think the “Great Recession” has impacted how we as a society view wealth and money? Has it changed your personal view? Annie is a pretty materialistic person. How do you think she’ll do going forward with her new “enough is *enough*” philosophy?