

## READER QUESTIONS for THE ALMIGHTY FATHER

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1. Anna Bishop is “plagued by a pair of extraordinary eyes.” Other characters, including Elva and Shawn, also experience visions of things to come. Is the gift of foresight inherent in all of us and would you consider it a gift or a curse?
2. Anna occasionally interjects her own thoughts into the narration of the book. Why do you think the author used this device? Do you think the narrator is biased, either for or against the protagonist?
3. Consider the three major losses Anna suffers during the course of the novel: Cindy, Elva, and Michael. In what ways was the trajectory of her life altered by these events?
4. How do you think Janice’s decisions impacted Anna’s life both before the book begins and during? Do you think she did her best or do you think she is responsible for some of the things that ultimately go wrong?
5. How would you describe Anna’s relationship to Christianity?
6. When Shawn McAllister is finally introduced, is he what you expected? Are you sympathetic to the character?
7. If Michael survived his heart attack, can you envision a future for Anna and him? For the short time they were together, what purpose did he serve to move her forward in life?
8. Who is The Almighty Father of the novel’s title?
9. Do you think Anna is ready to be a mother?
10. In the end, Anna forgives everyone who wronged her. Do you think justice was served? Would you be so forgiving if you were Anna?