



Discussion Questions

Charm City Rocks by Matthew Norman

1. What's a "Lesson in Art and Manhood" that you wish you could teach or learn?
2. Margot seems to be haunted by the word "recluse." Is she one?
3. Margot says "First loves brand you." Do you agree or disagree?
4. Do you think Margot would have returned to Burnt Flowers if not for Billy?
5. Should Billy have chased after Robyn when she ran away after his proposal? Why or why not?
6. Robyn has been romantically involved with Billy, Aaron, and (briefly) Lawson. What do each of these men bring to a relationship? Who would you choose?
7. How does the novel depict the relationships between the children and their parents? Did you relate to these depictions?
8. What sacrifices do the characters make for love? Is sacrifice always necessary to find love?
9. Where do you picture these characters 5 years in the future? Do you think Margot and Billy stay together?
10. If you were Caleb, would you have picked Hopkins over Stanford?
11. How would you have reacted if you were Margot discovering that Lawson was having an affair with Nikki?

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