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1. How does the Asheville, N.C. setting shape the story? In what ways did the scenes in St. John mirror Josie and Finley's lives?
2. Discuss the events that led to Josie's on-air breakdown. Did these events and situations merit her meltdown on live television? Had she just reached her limit with Finley and Frank?
3. How did you feel about Josie's handling of her son's addictions? Should she have tried harder or stopped enabling sooner? Is every son or daughter different when it comes to how to handle their addictions?
4. How did the scenes at the cosmetic's counters balance the drama swirling around Josie's life? Which characters at Brigman's had the biggest influence on her and why?
5. Discuss the slow-burn romance between Josie and Pog and how his wanting her to be part of the Vintage Crazy Rehab and Resort shaped their relationship.
6. How would you handle addiction if it was this close and personal in your own family? What did you think of the utopic rehab center?
7. Do you think other communities could adopt this treatment modality? Why is it better than traditional, 12-Step rehab programs?
8. Describe your thoughts on Josie's mother and her relationship with Pauline.
9. Did the twist near the end come as a surprise? What were your thoughts?
10. How did you feel about ending the novel on the island of St. John. Did the island's destruction and recovery mirror that of Finley's?

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