

The Ego TRIP



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Book Club Discussion Questions

(Questions below that reveal key plot points have been edited with [SPOILER], and others have been omitted from this list. For complete, unedited list, please email Madeline@MadelineOlson.com. Thank you for not spoiling the enjoyment and suspense for those who haven't yet read the book!)

1. What was your favorite part of the book, and why?
2. Was Lori right to visit Maine and search for her father? Why or why not?
3. Beau suffers enormous guilt about being deployed overseas when his sister Anne's family experienced a home invasion. Was it justified? Do you think he atoned for it by the end of the book?
4. Lori and Beau, naturally, fall in love over the course of the novel. Is their romance believable? Why or why not?
5. Did the book give you a sense of what life might be like in early winter in coastal Maine? Was there too much description, or not enough?
6. Could you identify with any of the characters? In what way?
7. Beau's sister Marie (who owns the B&B) uses a wheelchair. Did this have any influence over your enjoyment of the story? Did it matter that the author didn't explain the nature or cause of her disability?
8. Lori saves Beau's life twice—once when [SPOILER], and again after [SPOILER]. Did you enjoy this, or was it too contrived?
9. When Beau is questioned by various law enforcement authorities at the end of the book, you learn that he provided less-than-complete answers to shield Lori from the backlash to her career of [SPOILER]. Did this make you respect Beau more, or less? Should he have put his sworn duty as an officer of the law above his need to protect his lover?
10. At the end of the book, Lori ignores Beau's efforts to reach her after she returns to Los Angeles. How did you feel about that? Do you understand why she might have done it? If you were Beau, would you have written her off, the way his friend Nolan suggested?
11. What kind of life do you think Beau and Lori will have after the book ends? Will she regret [SPOILER]? Why or why not?
12. What questions did the book leave unanswered?
13. The Ego Trip is the first in a series of romantic suspense novels set in coastal Maine. Which (if any) secondary characters would you want to see featured in their own book?

*Note to book club leader: I'd be delighted to send you a **thank-you gift** if you summarize any and all feedback and email it to me at Madeline@MadelineOlson.com.*