

# Her Better Half

## Reader Discussion Questions

1. The title of the book, *Her Better Half*, can be interpreted on many levels. Discuss its meaning in relation to Lauren's marriage, her self-image, and even the house she moves into on Carbon Corner.
2. In some ways what happens to Erin affects Lauren more deeply than her own divorce. Why is this? What does this say about the state of Lauren's relationship with Gary?
3. Do you think there are many marriages that operate on the level of intimacy, or lack thereof, that Lauren and Gary's did? What do you think it takes to reach the breaking point in a marriage like that?
4. Why do you think Lauren is drawn into both a personal and a business relationship with Erin? Were you surprised when you discovered Erin's true motives in befriending Lauren? Did this detract from your perception of their friendship?
5. Lauren is very aware of the qualities that would make Burke a good husband. What qualities do you think draw her to the other man in the story?
6. Did you think Lauren makes the right choice at the end of the story? How do you think her friendship with Erin may have impacted that choice? Discuss the symbolism of the pearl necklace and its importance in the final scene.