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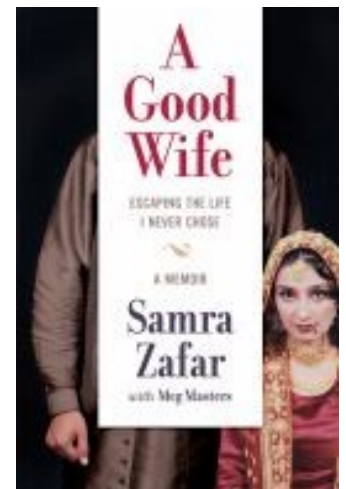


A Good Wife: Escaping the Life I Never Chose

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Discussion Questions

1. Consider the structure of the memoir. What decisions has the author made in shaping the story of his life? What is emphasized? What is left out? How is the passage of time presented? What is the relationship between the past and the present of the writer's life, and does the structure of the book depend upon moving between past and present?
2. Do you find the writer's voice appealing or unappealing? Which aspects of the writer's character do you identify with most and least? How does your reaction to the writer affect your experience of the book?
3. How does the author approach his own story? With a sense of irony, sympathy, distance, comedy, or something else entirely?
4. What is the role of fate and what is the role of desire in this life story? Does the author present himself as the main force in shaping life's events? Or is there a strong sense that the author is a victim of circumstances over which he has little control? Do characters in the story come across as active or passive? How much does the central character change over the course of the memoir?
5. Many book reviewers and culture commentators claim that in the past several years we have witnessed a "memoir explosion." Why has this genre become so popular with readers and writers alike? What are the benefits and drawbacks of writers sharing an intimate view of their lives with the general public?
6. What is the story's impact on you? How does the memoir you have just read change the way you think about your own life story?



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