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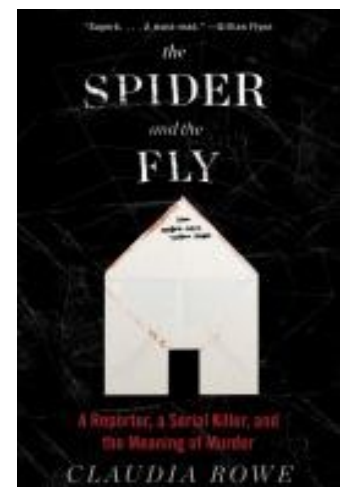


The Spider and the Fly

Claudia Rowe

Discussion Questions

1. What is the central idea discussed in the book? What issues or ideas does the author explore?
2. What kind of language does the author use? Is it objective and dispassionate? Or passionate and earnest? Is it biased, inflammatory, sarcastic? Does the language help or undercut the author's premise?
3. What are the implications for the future? Are there long- or short-term consequences to the issues raised in the book? Are they positive or negative...affirming or frightening?
4. How controversial are the issues raised in the book? Who is aligned on which sides of the issues? Where do you fall in that line-up?
5. Talk about specific passages that struck you as significant—or interesting, profound, amusing, illuminating, disturbing, sad...? What was memorable?
6. What have you learned after reading this book? Has it broadened your perspective about a difficult issue—personal or societal? Has it introduced you to a culture in another country...or an ethnic or regional culture in your own country?



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