

**Reading Group Guide for**  
***Out of the Embers***  
**by Amanda Cabot**

*(Spoiler alert—these questions assume you’ve already read the book)*

1. As the story begins, Evelyn believes that someone is watching her. Have you ever had that sensation? What caused it? Was it simply a feeling, or was there—as was true for Evelyn—a real Watcher?
2. Wyatt is convinced that he’ll be happier if he leaves Mesquite Springs. Do you agree with his reasons? Do you think he made the right decisions about staying vs. leaving? Why or why not?
3. How do you think Sam’s being an only child affected his personality?
4. Basil is not an only child. Why do you think he is the way he is?
5. Why do you think so many people encouraged Wyatt to run for mayor?
6. Why do you think so many men want to marry Evelyn? Was it only her excellent cooking?
7. Evelyn is keeping a number of secrets when she comes to Mesquite Springs. Do you agree with her reasons? What else could she have done?
8. A number of people in the story have secrets, including Wyatt’s mother. If you’d been in her position, would you have revealed them to your children earlier?
9. Wyatt found himself in the middle of disputes between his two friends. Have you ever been in that situation? How did you handle it?
10. Did you find yourself hungry when you read about all the meals Evelyn made? Which recipe would you like to have?
11. Did the Watcher’s story surprise you? Why or why not?
12. Which is your favorite scene in the book? Why?