

Reading Group Guide for
On Lone Star Trail
by Amanda Cabot

1. Both Gillian and TJ are at a crossroads in their lives, with their future unclear. Have you ever been in a similar situation? How did you resolve it?
2. Do you think Gillian's fear of motorcycles is irrational? Has anything in your past made you afraid of an inanimate object like a motorcycle? If so, what did you do to overcome the fear?
3. TJ's faith falters after his wife's death, leaving him to question everything about his life. Would you consider that a normal reaction to grief? If not, what steps could he have taken to restore his faith?
4. Gillian seeks but doesn't always receive her father's approval. Do you think she should have done something different to please her dad? If so, what? If not, why not?
5. While she's at Rainbow's End, Gillian meets two men, each of whom falls in love with her. Do you believe she chose the right one? Why or why not?
6. TJ and Mike take Gillian on very different kinds of dates. Which would you prefer: bird watching and a rodeo or fancy dinners and a concert? Why?
7. Why do you think the senior center was important for Gillian?
8. Do you believe the adults handled the situation between Brianna and Pete correctly? If not, what should they have done?
9. TJ avoids talking about his wife because it's painful. Do you think that's the best way to handle grief? If not, what would you have suggested?
10. When TJ uses the familiar analogy of God opening a window when a door has been closed, he says it takes more courage to climb through the window than to walk through the door. Do you agree with him? If you do, why do you think that's the case?
11. What do you think Gillian and TJ will be doing five years from now? What about Mike?