



Discussion Questions

The Road to Tender Hearts

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1. PJ Halliway sets out on a road trip in search of his past. What do you think he is really looking for? Closure, redemption, or something else?
2. The novel explores the idea of found family. Which relationships felt most meaningful to you, and why?
3. How does Hartnett balance humor with heavier themes like grief and loss? Did one element stand out more to you?
4. PJ is a flawed but sympathetic character. Did your feelings about him change over the course of the novel?
5. The road trip structure plays a big role in the story. How does the journey itself shape the characters and their relationships?
6. Many of the characters are dealing with regret. Which character's story resonated most with you?
7. The novel includes slightly surreal or unexpected elements. How did these moments affect your reading experience?
8. What does the story suggest about second chances? Do you believe people can truly start over?
9. How does the theme of family, both biological and chosen, evolve throughout the book?
10. The ending leaves room for interpretation. How did you feel about where the characters ended up?

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