

THE Tender Conflict



Book Club Discussion Questions

1. How do you think Emma Ashton grew as a person over the course of the story?
2. Which character did you like the least? Why?
3. How do you see our relationships with our home affecting our lives? Why does where we live matter so much?
4. Annemarie was prepared to sacrifice her friendship with Natalie in order to get what she wanted. Could you envisage anything that would ever make you want to put a friendship aside so completely?
5. Bob Hasler makes Emma's work life hell. What do you think of how she handled such ongoing negativity?
6. Of all Keitha Smith's novels, this is the one with the least obvious overarching theme. What would you say the underlying message of **The Tender Conflict** is?
7. Which character do you think changed the most over the course of the story? Why?
8. Both Bob and Annemarie get a measure of comeuppance at the end of the story. What would you like to think happened to them both?