

STUDY GUIDE

About Xavier

1. Why was Xavier prone to the attacks on his life? Was he to blame in any way?
2. Of all of the actions Xavier took in the novel, which one do you believe either helped OR hindered his quest to clear his name?
3. Do you think Xavier was like a modern day Job; he had to lose everything in order to gain something in his life? If so, what did he gain after all of the adversity?
4. How would you suggest that Xavier overcome the incredible hurts and setbacks he experienced? Is he hopeless?
5. If you were writing the rest of Xavier's life, how would you have it turn out?

About the Story

1. Do you think that it's inconceivable for an athlete to go through all that Xavier experienced? Why or why not? Do you think it conceivable that any human being could experience that much adversity?
2. Do you think Le had been waiting and praying for some opportunity to get out of her situation? Do you think it was mere coincidence that Xavier showed up at her house?
3. Charles is at a crossroads at the start of the story. What do you think he learned about himself while helping Xavier?
4. Charles's mother was a force to be reckoned with in the novel. What were your thoughts about what happened in the church?
5. Who was your favorite character? Who was your least favorite? Why?