



My Name is Edward

Book Club Discussion Points

- Did mental illness, childhood trauma or something else ultimately drive Edward to the street?
- Edna adopted Edward at birth when his mother couldn't care for him. Was Edna good or bad and why?
- Considering that Edna and Bill grew up in the same family, why did they turn out so differently?
- What parallels existed between Ann's life and Edward's life?
- What is it that drives one person to help others that are clearly in need while others ignore what is in front of them?
- What kept Edward from accepting the help that had been offered to him earlier, and what did Ann do that ultimately gained his trust?
- How did the system fail Edward?
- In dealing with childhood trauma, what is it that motivates one person to overcome while others fall down or allow their challenges to define their lives?