

Reading Group Guide for
Death Takes a Ride
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1. Cate is an immediately-after-the-event witness to what looks like a self-defense killing. Have you ever been in a situation where lethal force seemed necessary to defend yourself? Could you do it, if it seemed necessary to protect yourself or someone else? Would you take time to think about other, less lethal, responses?
2. Cate never really set out to be a private investigator, but it seems that this is what God had in mind for her. Has God ever led you in some totally unexpected direction?
3. Has a stray animal ever showed up in your life, the way Octavia and Clancy have showed up in Cate and Mitch's lives and become a total part of your life?
4. The young woman Lily has mixed emotions about Andy Timmons. One minute she's ready to dump him, but the next she's defending him. Do you think this relationship can ever go anywhere? *Should* it go anywhere? Have you ever had confused feelings like this about someone?
5. Shirley has negative feelings about dating someone considerably younger than she is. What do you think about a relationship in which the woman is older? Does it matter? Do you think it will work?
6. Kane has a serious gambling problem. How do you feel about gambling? Is there any level of it that you feel is acceptable, such as putting a dollar or two into a state-run lottery? If that level is okay, where do you draw the line? Do you think an addiction to gambling is a disease or a lack of willpower?
7. Cate is a strong Christian believer, but she doesn't talk a lot about her faith with everyone she meets. Do you think she should do more?
8. Cate's Uncle Joe has warned her, even though he's a strong Christian, that she'd better be suspicious of everybody. Do you think that's proper advice in the PI business? How about in everyday life?



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