

Reading Group Guide for
Perfectly Matched
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1. Why do you think Anna wanted to be a mail-order bride? Do you think at the age of seventeen, having always lived in the care of her sisters, that Anna is prepared for the life she has chosen with Edward? Why or why not?
2. Do you believe the old adage “opposites attract”? Is that true for Anna and Edward? Have you found it to be true in your own experience?
3. Edward seeks refuge from a troubled childhood by creating a life that demands strict adherence to order and routine and an unwavering pursuit of perfection. Can you identify with Edward? Do you demand perfection from yourself or from others? How does that affect your life?
4. Before marrying Edward, Anna was free to follow her whims and impulses with little need for order or routine. Can you identify with Anna? Are you impulsive or capricious? How does that affect your life?
5. Have you ever tried to change someone, to make him or her see the world or respond to it as you do? How do Edward and Anna try to change each other? What is the result?
6. Why do you think Edward is jealous of the time Anna spends with the animals? Whom do you relate to in this situation—Edward or Anna?
7. Anna is deeply committed to rescuing injured and abandoned animals. Have you ever felt a call to do something as strongly as Anna did to build an animal shelter? How did you respond?
8. Why do you think Edward’s list for himself is so different from the list he made for Anna? What is missing from Anna’s list? What does Edward expect of himself that he didn’t ask of her?
9. The robbery at the bank leads to a breach of trust between Anna and Edward. Why do you think Anna has doubts about Edward’s involvement in the robbery? Why does Edward blame her for his mistake in not securing the vault?
10. Waldo forgives Edward and offers him a second chance at the bank. Edward forgives Calvin and offers him a chance at a new life. What would you have done in Waldo’s place? In Edward’s?



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