

Fifty Shades Freed

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Discussion Questions

1. Anastasia makes many references to the fact that she has to get used to being wealthy and does not seem to readily accept Christian's money as hers. What do you think her reasons are for this? Given the same circumstances how do you think you would react? Discuss the cultural implications of wealth.
2. In many ways this is a typical love story with the typical dance of getting to know the other person and bridging the gap between differences. Discuss the sacrifices made by Christian and Anastasia. Do you feel they sacrificed equally? Did love change one more than the other? What fears do you think they harbored?
3. Discuss the character flaws of Christian, especially in relation to his background. Do you think he was too damaged to love and trust? Why do you think he was so controlling and jealous? Do you think he tries to push or manipulate her? Why or why not?
4. Discuss the role 'Mrs. Robinson' played in his life and his need for her. He makes many references to the fact that she saved him - why do you think he feels this way? How do you think his life would be different without her? Why do you think she has difficulty letting go of her relationship with Christian?
5. Christian also makes many references to the crack whore who was his mother. His exposure to her was brief but very potent and lasting. Discuss her impact on him and how she contributes, if at all, to his need for control, his inability to trust and his issues with keeping Anastasia safe.
6. Where did all of Christian's anger come from? Do you think Anastasia provoked him deliberately?
7. Discuss the balance of power between Anastasia and Christian. Did Christian's wealth play into this? Why do you think Christian so willingly gave his money to Anastasia; always emphasizing everything he had was now hers? Did this shift the balance of power? What was the source of Anastasia's power?
8. What was your feeling about the portrayal of women in this book? Discuss the significance of Christian's actions toward his previous subs? Discuss Anastasia's strength and its impact on Christian.
9. Do you think the book is making a statement about any larger issues? In what ways does the book explore honesty or deception?
10. What was it about Anastasia that was different from Christian's other subs? Why do you think he fell in love with her? What do you think the novel suggests about the different types of love - romantic love, family love?