

The Story of You - Discussion Questions

- 1) Do you think Will is a reliable narrator? Do you agree with his sometimes harsh assessment of his own skills as a parent, or is he overly hard on himself?
- 2) Will often speculates on how Quince's life would have been different if he was instead raised by his mother. How do you think the story might have played out differently if it was Quince's mother, rather than his father, who had to deal with Quince's visions and speech delays?
- 3) Both Will and Quince rely heavily upon Nora over the course of the story. Which of Nora's qualities do you think were most important to Will and Quince?
- 4) Part III of the novel is entitled "The Choices I Made." What do you think Will is referencing with regards to those choices? Do you think he made the right decisions with those choices?
- 5) How would you describe Will's growth over the course of the story, as both a father and as an individual? What lessons did he learn?
- 6) Will feels guilt for some of his choices at the end of the story. When Quince comes of age, how do you think he will react to learning about the choices his father made?
- 7) What do you see as the long term impact of Will and Quince's brief reunion with Quince's mother? What will that moment mean to Will and Quince over the course of their lives?