

The Nothing

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Suggested Discussion Questions

QUESTIONS

- Did you like the book?
- Did you find the characterizations convincing?
- What did you think of Zee?
- What did you think of Eddie?
- What did you think of Anita?
- What did you think of Waldo?
- Although there is a lack of sentimentality in *The Nothing*, did you nevertheless feel sorry for any of the characters?
- Does the story have psychological depth?
- What part of the story stands out in your mind?

EPIGRAMS

Discuss:

- It is true that I imagine things for a living and the imagination is the most dangerous place on earth.
- Sexual feelings might decline, but I have learned that the libido, like Elvis and jealousy, never die.
- Eddie has been more than an acquaintance and less than a friend for over 30 years.
- Praise someone once, and they're yours forever.
- Progress is the overcoming of taboos.
- "Narcissism is our religion. The selfie stick is our cross, and we must carry it everywhere."
- Sex is like art: if you know what you're doing, you don't know what you're doing.
- A saint is only someone who has been under-researched.
- Boring people are always popular. They never do anything unexpected.

