Book Discussion Questions

- In what ways are place and setting personified throughout the book? How does the city/location become its own character?
- What does the telling of the family story from more than one perspective teach us about family dynamics and how did each perspective enrich your understanding of the family?
- What takeaways did you learn about the way underrepresented communities—in this case, Black families—process grief? How does the backdrop impact the families processing of their grief?
- Justine, Bev and Myrtle have a unique bond. Their interactions with each other throughout the story aren't always pleasant, but they still exhibit unwavering loyalty. What does their nature teach us about friendship and forgiveness?

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