

### **Part Three: More Dangerous the Fool**

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What did you think about the police work Harpy demonstrated on the stand in the preliminary hearing?

What did Ann mean that Matt Felton was too stupid to hate ?

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Do you think Ann was right to report Debby Felton to the Social Services Department for not having Matt cleared by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation as required by law?

**Do you think Ann was right to blame Matt s parents in part for the way he had turned out?**

What did you think of Debby s explanation to Janis of her understanding of ADHD?

What did that tell you about her?

**44**

**Why did Ann think that survival of the fittest may no longer apply in an urbanized setting? Do you agree?**

**45**

Why was Ann incensed to read that Lyle March, the developer, said everyone s concerns had now been addressed and building in the development could continue as planned?

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**Do you agree with the Sollens that displays of love for the dead should be confined to a cemetery or a place specifically set aside for such memorials? Why or why not?**

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What did you learn about Al Felton in this chapter? If you were in his place, do you think you would feel the same way about the case?

**48**

What do the dreams Ann was having tell us about how her subconscious was working with her problem?

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**What is Ann referencing when she talks about the egoism of the fortunate ?**

Why did Ann refuse to take advantage of the free parking space she first found?

**50**

Do you think having a tattoo of Ethan s vanity signature might have helped Jennifer move onward into a dating-other-people phase? Why or why not?

**51**

Why do you think Ann had such a negative reaction to Lyle March's confidence that doing the right thing would be rewarded by God?

**52**

**What did you think when you learned that Matt Felton had been arrested again, after killing Ethan, for speeding while his ability was impaired by drugs and alcohol? Do you think a jury in Ethan's case should know about this new finding?**

**53**

Why was Ann pleased to see that Matt's criminal record was growing, and what did she hope would come out of it?

**54**

**Given what you understand about the various charges and why they were not made, or why they were dismissed, do you think it's a credit to the U.S. legal system or to its discredit that Matt Felton had so many offenses that were not on his record?**

Why do you think that?

**55**

Do you think you could be a defense attorney, devising strategies to defend someone who might be better off owning up to his or her responsibility in a given situation? Do you believe every person should have the right to a good defense, whether true or not?

**56**

What do you think of Ralph Waldo Emerson's words, "Everyday I am defeated, though I was to victory born"? Do you believe someone can recover from the death of her child, especially an only child? Do you think a person can recover from the death of other loved ones, such as parents, siblings, lovers, spouses or best friends? What is the difference, if any?

**57**

Why do you think Doug felt he needed to practice hearing other similar trial proceedings before attending the trial of Matt Felton? Do you think listening to testimony would be difficult for Ethan's and Matt's families?

**58**

**Do you think a unanimous finding of guilty from all thirteen jurors, even though the case is not a capital case, nor is a unanimous finding provided for by the Constitution, should be mandatory in today's court trials?**

**59**

**Why do people sometimes turn away from their friends when the friends have experienced a tragedy? Do you think this tendency is culturally linked?**

Do you think people are too tolerant of dangerous driving practices in this society? If so, why might that be?

**60**

Why did Mark think the Felton family *really* asked Matt to leave Orion county?

**61**

How can you tell that Ann was beginning to adjust to her new reality? How did she justify allowing herself to entertain various possibilities for Ethan, without feeling the need to prove anything?

**62**

**What did Ann learn about her ability to forgive Matt Felton for what he did to her, and for what he did to Ethan? What do you think of her realization?**

**63**

In what ways did the second trial differ from the first?

**Why do you think Ann was so angered by Al saying we feel real bad about this ?**

**64**

How did you feel about Matt s apology?

How did you feel about the sentence the judge handed down?

**65**

What does Ann believe about dying back into our uncreated natures?

**How does Ann explain that the same spirit can be manifest into both good and evil?**

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**Why does Ann think it s worse for her and for society that Matt is ignorant instead of evil? What could she do if her were truly a villain?**

**What would it take to keep more people from being foolish with regards to traffic safety? What is the antidote to ignorance?**

### **Epilogue**

What did you feel from this dialogue between Ethan and Ann? Do you think it was really real for Ann?

Was Ann beginning to see how she would live with Ethan inside her heart?

**Where was there symmetry between the imagery in the Epilogue and in the Prologue: *The Woman Who Became a Mountain*?**