

Part Two

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How do you think finding out there was demonstrable wrong-doing might change the way Ethan's family was feeling about Ethan's death? Did it really change anything?
Would it make any difference to you if someone you loved died of natural causes or was killed violently by someone else? How?

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What are the two legal courses of action available to the family of a slain victim? What is the difference between them?

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Do you think there was anything unethical about Marnie Priest going through the Feltons' trash? Do you think that action was justified?

Do you think it was important to try to find out about the Felton family? Why or why not?

What is ADHD? How does it manifest in behavior?

What did this chapter make you think about Matt Felton and his family?

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What does it mean, Salt water is the only cure for grief: You can cry it out, you can sweat it out or you can go to sea ?

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Explain in your own words what happened the night Jake Wilson and Mike Pointer ran into Matt Felton's vehicle.

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Why were the Feltons threatening to sue the Wilsons in Ethan's death? Why do you think the Wilsons decided not to fight the case in court? Do you think most people would do the same thing?

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Why do you think Ethan's family liked to talk about him so much? What did this story tell you about Ethan?

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Why do you think Al Felton might have decided to buy Matt's wrecked car back from the salvage yard and store it on his property?

What did Al and Debby think the role of a family should be when a kid gets in trouble?

What do you think it should be? Why?

How do you think Debby's strong religious beliefs affected the way she approached Matt's problems? What other options might have been available to her?

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What did Harpy mean when he thought, Fate is the hunter . And we are the quarry ?

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Why do you think Al wanted to have an attorney present while Harpy spoke with Matt? Would you have done the same thing if you were Al? **Do you think Al and Debby suspect Matt was not telling the truth? How do you think they should have supported him if they thought he was lying?**

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Why do you think humans are often so troubled by the death of someone they love? Why do you think Ann was having so much difficulty accepting that Ethan s physical form had changed?

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Why do you think the Mockingbird Farm Loop access road was built if so many people thought it was dangerous? How did you feel when you found out that people in power knew the road was dangerous but did nothing about it?

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Do you think it is a good law that requires a toxicology report from anyone killed in an automobile crash, but does not require one from a living driver or passenger.

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How do you think Doug felt when the Road and Bridge Department foreman said that accident should never have happened ?

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Since Matt Felton was a known substance abuser, why wasn t there probable cause for the courts to be able to issue a warrant to examine his medical records to find out his blood alcohol content?

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Why did the Victoria policeman think Matt Felton might not have to do much time for his role in Ethan s death?

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What kinds of socially-acceptable things can someone do when experiencing uncontrollable fury and rage? What does society provide to help them? Do you think Ann had ever felt such rage before in her life?

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What did Ethan s family think was successful about the way they had interacted as a family?

What do you think is the most important ingredient in raising a well-balanced child?

Do you think people should be allowed by law to have children and raise them however they want? How does the way children are raised impact everyone else in a society?

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Why did Doug think he'd found the tree from which the apple had fallen when he saw a radar detector on the dash of the Felton's family vehicle?

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Why do you think Ann became enraged when she learned the county had put up five new warning signs at the intersection where the crash occurred?

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How did Ann explain away that she had no undeniable reunion with Ethan when she was sitting in the psychomanteum? Do you think that was a feasible explanation? Do you think Ann was deluding herself that she might be able to communicate with the dead?

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Do you think the county should be held responsible for designing a dangerous road or intersection? Do you believe Pinnacle Engineering knowingly allowed the dangerous intersection to be built? If so, why?

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What did you think of the different ways Ethan's family members found to make a personal peace with his death? Do you think it would have been easier for them if they had held a more traditional religious view of death? Do you think understanding death can be reason enough for some people to embrace a religious explanation for the way the universe operates?

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Why was the District Attorney reluctant to charge Matt Felton with a higher felony crime than Ethan's family wanted?

How seriously do you think the family felt Ethan's death was being taken by representatives of the legal system?

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Do you think it is a higher crime to drive intoxicated or to knowingly drive recklessly? Which does the law consider the higher crime?

Do you believe Larry Finch told Ann the truth about the medical results he said he received from the hospital on Matt Felton's blood tests? Why or why not?

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Why do you suppose this Part was entitled Who Killed Cock Robin? Where does that phrase come from?

Who were the various players that had a role in the circumstances leading to Ethan's death?