

Float Plan

TRISH DOLLER

Discussion Questions

1. Anna seems to have little experience sailing. Do you think it was wise for Anna to take the boat out on her own? Do you think you would've made the same choices if you were Anna? Why or why not?
2. Anna hits the coral reef as she and Keane are navigating into the bay at Samana, then blames Keane for the damage. Why do you think she's so reluctant to take responsibility for the boat at that point in the story?
3. What was the moment when Ben's trip started to become Anna's trip for herself, and why? How might her journey have played out differently if she had stuck to the original plan?
4. Keane seems set on revisiting the island where his accident took place, knowing it might dredge up bad memories. What might have happened if Anna had overruled the decision to join the other sailors in St. Barths?
5. Anna claims she didn't have a lightning-bolt moment when she knew she was in love with Keane. Do you think that's true? Is there a specific instance you can identify when you recognized Anna was in love with Keane, even if she didn't know it yet?
6. Why do you think it was important for Anna to finish the trip by herself once Keane left? Do you believe she would have found necessary closure if Keane had stayed? Why or why not?
7. Anna and Keane are both grieving for the futures they once knew. In what ways do they help each other grieve and move forward?
8. What does Anna learn about herself on this trip? How does getting out of your world and comfort zone change a person?
9. What was your favorite spot that Anna and Keane visited, and why?
10. Anna didn't name the boat until she reached Trinidad. Did you guess the name before the reveal? What other names might she have given the boat?
11. Anna's box of keepsakes from Ben wouldn't have taken up much space in her new life, yet she burned it. Would you have done the same? Do you think she'll ever regret the choice?
12. What do you think the future holds for Anna and Keane, and why?