

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Compare the parenting style in the time of Angus and Elizabeth McPherson with your own parental figures.
2. Teenage slang changes from generation to generation. Criminety, hooley, gold digger, and heebie-jeebies were common in the 1920s. What were some of the common expressive words during your high-school years?
3. Describe one lesson Kathleen learned from her impetuous behaviors.
4. What personality traits made Sophie more vulnerable than Dolly or Kathleen?
5. If your feeling toward Prichard changed, tell why.
6. In many ways Vivian Davidson and Ivy Schrader had similar characteristics. In what ways did they differ?
7. Vivian Davidson, Elizabeth McPherson, Angus McPherson, Martin, and Dolly reacted at one time or another in surprising ways. Pick one and describe how it affected Kathleen.
8. Martin's refusal to divorce his wife compromised his relationship with Kathleen. Evaluate Kathleen's final decision regarding this.
9. What should Kathleen have done about Chester's watch?
10. Kathleen faced some difficult decisions toward the end of this story. Should she have made other choices?