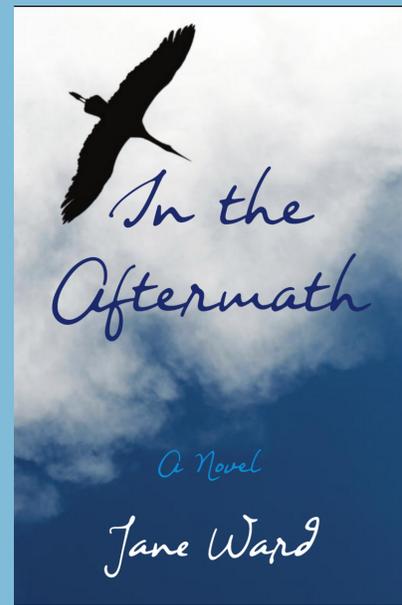


# Reading Guide for IN THE AFTERMATH



1. How does this book treat the subject of family. In this novel, what makes a family?
2. Dan, the young banker, feels responsible for David's death. Is he? If not, who is? Why?
3. Jules believes in quality products; David believed in sacrificing quality for business reasons. Is there a constant battle in contemporary America between quality and profits?
4. Do you think the kids in this novel are okay? Will they be okay?
5. What allows Jules to move on? Could she have done so without the money she received?
6. Is this novel about forgiveness of others? Ourselves? Is it about mercy?
7. What do you think will happen to all the characters now?
8. Part of *IN THE AFTERMATH* deals with missed opportunities and also second chances. Discuss.
9. The author uses several points of view to tell David's story and the subsequent stories that result from his bad decisions. Why do you think she chose to do this?
10. Why do you think Jules stopped baking as a career?

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