

Run Rose Run

by Dolly Parton &
James Patterson



Discussion Questions

1. What were the central themes that Patterson and Parton emphasized throughout the novel? Did they effectively explore and develop these themes? Were there aspects of the book that made you uncomfortable?
2. “It would be better to have a new enemy, wouldn’t it, instead of an old one? The demons of the past were the hardest to slay.” Do you agree with that statement? Is our past harder to combat and overcome than present challenges?
3. How do the main characters change, grow, and evolve throughout the course of the story? What events trigger such changes?
4. Which character did you relate to, or empathize with the most, and why? Also, were there any characters that you disliked? Why?

Discussion Questions (Cont.)

5. In what ways do the events in the book reveal evidence of Dolly Parton's worldview? Do you think that the book is semi-autobiographical?
6. AnnieLee had a difficult life before she went to Nashville. "Fate granted some people their wildest, greatest wishes while leaving the simplest pleas of others unanswered."
In what ways do aspects in this story support this statement? And how did her old life influence her new one?
7. How are the characters AnnieLee and Ruthanna alike, and how are they different? Is Ruthanna Annielee's future self?
8. If you could ask the author, Dolly Parton, a question about this book , what would you ask her?
9. If this book was adapted into a movie, would you watch it? Who would you like to see play the roles of the book's characters?