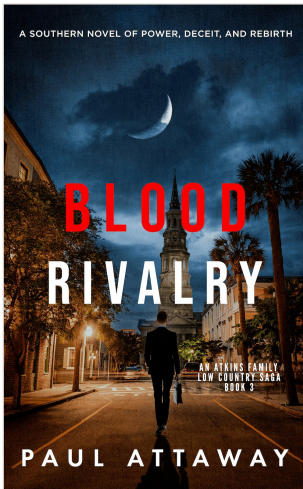




THE ATKINS FAMILY LOW COUNTRY SAGA

Book Club Discussion Guide

Blood Rivalry

A NOVEL BY PAUL ATTAWAY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 01 Discuss the difference in the relationships between the two sets of brothers.
- 02 Discuss the difference in the relationship between Monty Atkins and his two boys, Eli and Walker, and between Colin Dunsmore and his two sons, Johnny and Randal.
- 03 What battles does Walker fight over the course of the book? How does he fight them and what are the outcomes?
- 04 Describe the relationship between Walker and Eli. How does each brother view it? Does the relationship change over the course of the book?
- 05 Discuss the marriage between Isabelle and Walker.
- 06 How are Walker and Eli each affected by the “Shootout in the Swamp”?
- 07 How does the author treat the subject of racism in the South during the time in which the story takes place?
- 08 What are your feelings towards Johnny Dunsmore and Randal Dunsmore? Do you have any empathy for them?
- 09 How does the author draw contrasts between the Dunsmore family and their worldview and the Atkins family and their worldview?
- 10 What are the main themes in the book?
- 11 Which character did you identify with most, and why?
- 12 How does the plot drive the exploration of the themes?
- 13 How does the plot drive the character arcs?

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- 14 Who is your favorite and least favorite character?
 - 15 Who would you like to learn more about?
 - 16 What is your sense for the book's setting? Does it work?
 - 17 What is your favorite scene?
 - 18 What do you think of the writing style?
 - 19 What do you think of the book title and the book cover? Do they capture the story?

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