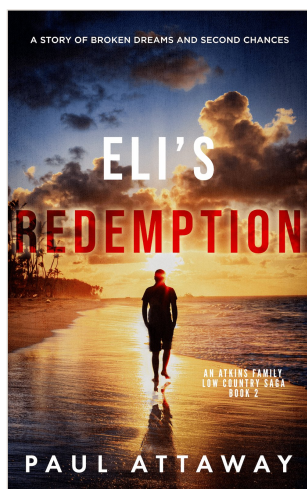




THE ATKINS FAMILY LOW COUNTRY SAGA

Book Club Discussion Guide

Eli's Redemption

A NOVEL BY PAUL ATTAWAY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 01 Describe the conflicts Eli must face in his life.
- 02 How does he face them and what are the outcomes?
- 03 How do Eli's life experiences and Lach McGregor's life experiences draw them together?
- 04 At the end of Chapter 30 (page 160), Eli remarks that he feared Bernard Lasko and had only been that scared of one other person, on one other occasion. Who was the other person Eli was referring to?
- 05 What motivates Mrs. Babcock to look out for Eli?
- 06 Discuss the references to Moses in the book of Exodus and their connections to Eli and Mrs. Babcock.
- 07 What point of view does the author use in writing the book? Do you like it? Did it add to or subtract from the reading experience?
- 08 Discuss how the concept of freedom and living free comes into play in the story?
- 09 At the beginning of the book the following quote appears: "Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots – but you have to play the ball where it lies." (Bobby Jones). At the end of the book the following quote appears: "For when the One Great Scorer comes to write against your name, He marks, not that you won or lost, but how you played the game." (Grantland Rice) Discuss how the author sees these ideas playing out in the book.
- 10 How does the role of prayer play into the story?
- 11 What does the author mean by "redemption" in the book's title?
- 12 What are the main themes in the book?

- 13** Which character did you identify with most, and why?
- 14** How does the plot drive the exploration of the themes?
- 15** How does the plot drive the character arcs?
- 16** Who is your favorite and least favorite character?
- 17** Who would you like to learn more about?
- 18** What is your sense for the book's setting? Does it work?
- 19** Do you have a favorite scene? If so, what is it?
- 20** What do you think of the writing style?
- 21** What do you think of the book title and the book cover? Do they capture the story?

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