Discussion Questions for A Good Place to Turn Around

Warning: Some questions contain spoilers. Read the book before looking at the questions.

Thank you for choosing to read A Good Place to Turn Around! I hope you enjoyed it, and I also hope these questions will help you on your way to an enthusiastic discussion of the novel. This is not an exhaustive list of questions, but simply a starting place. Feel free to select just a few questions or work your way through the entire list. And if you'd like to know what my answers would be, get in touch! I'd love to share my thoughts with you, and I'd love to hear yours even more.

General Questions

- 1. Who was your favorite character and why?
- 2. Did any character surprise you? Which one and why?
- 3. Was there a moment that caused you to laugh out loud or to reach for a tissue?
- 4. Which character did you relate to or empathize with the most and why?
- 5. Which character did you dislike or disagree with the most and why?
- 6. Are there any characters you wish you could have given advice to? What would you tell them?
- 7. Are there any characters you wish to receive advice from? About what?
- 8. What do you think happens after the novel concludes?
- 9. What was the most memorable scene for you and why?
- 10. How did you feel about the ending?

Questions Specific to A Good Place to Turn Around

- 1. Do you think Ben was right to break off his engagement to Iris? Why? If you agreed, should he have done it sooner?
- 2. Ben said he wanted to leave Eastport before, why do you think it took him so long to break away?
- 3. Why do you think Ben picked up on Dev's unusual behavior well before the Mongelli's did?
- 4. Do you believe it's plausible for a ten-year-old boy to take care of himself as well as Dev did?

- 5. Prayer was a substantial part of Ben's faith. How did you see that lived out in the decisions he made? How do you think he developed that type of faith?
- 6. Were you surprised at Dev's reaction to hearing the full story of Jesus? If that had been your first time hearing His story, what would your reaction have been?
- 7. Why do you think Ben never noticed how "enchanting" Emma was before?
- 8. What was the causing the feeling of "impending doom" for Ben when he arrived back in Eastport for the summer?
- 9. Was Ben justified in his argument with God? Why/why not? Has there ever been a time when you wanted to argue with God?
- 10. Have you hit any dead-end streets in your own life? What caused you to turn around?
- 11. What do you think is up next for Ben, Emma, and Dev?

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Book Number Three in The Eastport Series is entitled *Before I Go*. This is Frank's story, and it's a prequel to *Iris and Mo*. It's currently in the writing stage, and hopefully will be available by summer of 2025.