

Unplanned Connections Discussion Questions

- Why might the gun have misfired during Ron's first suicide attempt?
- What does Ron see at the first airport that makes him decide to fly Mike to Zanesville?
- What is the significance of the dove Ron sees during critical decision points?
Does it influence his actions?
- People deal with loss in different ways. Are we better at managing loss on our own or does having help from others make the process easier?
- Ron interacts with many people throughout the story, including a few seniors.
How often do they help? How often does he help them? How?
- Which character in the story can you relate to the most?
- Do we know how Mike is able to assess a situation and show up when he does?
- Is the woman in Ron's dreams really his wife or just a memory?
- What were your favorite parts of the book?
- Why does Ron agree to join Mike and fly to New York?
- Does Ron help Mike reconcile with Naomi or does Mike do it on his own?
- Ron talks to a number of senior citizens. How do their stories impact him?
- How does Naomi exploit Mike's fear?
- Toward the end, we learn about the skill Mike uses to help people.
But is Mike doing this ethically?
- How do Ron, Mike, and Naomi change?