

Discussion Questions for *Love Comes Home* by Ann H. Gabhart

1. Jay and Kate were separated by World War II shortly after they married. When Jay comes home after so long away, what everyday problems do you think such a long separation will cause them as they try to settle into life as a married couple?
2. Most World War II veterans came home and just wanted to put the memories of the war behind them. They didn't talk about it much until they got older. Jay was the same way and didn't think he would ever be able to tell Kate about the horrible things he experienced in the war. Why do you think he and other veterans of that war felt that way? Did you find that true of any of your relatives who served in World War II or the Vietnam War?
3. Tori is mired in her grief for Sammy and has difficulty moving forward to a new life. Why do you think that's true? Do you think it would have helped her accept Sammy's death and go through the grief process better if she'd been able to see him buried in Rosey Corner?
4. Clay works hard to convince Tori to give him a chance to be part of her life. Do you admire his persistence or think it would have been better for him not to keep pushing Tori to do something with him while she was still clinging to her memories of Sammy? Why do you think Tori was so unhappy when she finally told Clay to go away and knew he would?
5. There were a lot of teary moments in this story. Do you like getting so involved with the characters of a story that you cry over the things that happen to them? Which part of the story touched you the most?
6. Aunt Hattie prays for Kate's baby but then adds "thy will be done." Why do you think she added that to her prayer? Do you have a hard time adding that to some of your prayers the same as Kate resisted those words when Aunt Hattie prayed?
7. Kate has always felt she was the strong sister, the one who could handle whatever happens and fix it. Do you think that made it more difficult for her when she had problems with her pregnancy?
8. What do you think is the hardest part of having a miscarriage? Do you think other people can't understand how that feels unless they've experienced it? Why do you think people are often reluctant to talk about miscarriages?
9. Lorena finally finds out about her past in *Love Comes Home*. Do you think it helped Lorena to find out about her birth family? Or do you think it would have been better for her not to know? Do you think her father will ever come to visit her in Rosey Corner?
10. Her father did come to Rosey Corner once to get her. Why do you think he left without talking to her? Do you think he loved her? Have you ever had to give up someone you loved because you knew it was better for your loved one for you to stay out of the picture? What sort of life issues might cause a person to make that kind of decision?

11. Both Kate and Lorena seem fearful of losing some of the special closeness they've known through the years. Kate worries about losing Lorena if she finds her birth family and Lorena thinks Kate will be too absorbed in her baby to give her the special attention she's always had from Kate. Do you think either of their worries was warranted? Have you felt some of the same concerns with your friends or family members as things changed in their lives?

12. This is the third book set in Rosey Corner. If you've read all three books, which of the characters have you most liked seeing grow and change during the ten years the books cover? If this is your first Rosey Corner book, which character did you like best in this story and why?