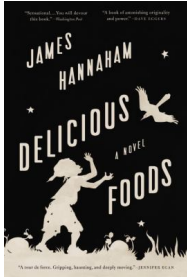


Books by the Stack



Delicious Foods by James Hannaham

Darlene, a widow and mother devastated by the unforeseen death of her husband, turns to drugs to erase the trauma. While in this fog of grief, she is lured with the promise of a great job to a mysterious farm run by a shady company – with disastrous consequences for both her and her young son, Eddie.

Why you'll like it: *Bleak yet hopeful, sharp cultural criticism, dark comedy.*

About the Author: James Hannaham is the author of the novel *God Says No*, which was honored by the American Library Association. He holds an MFA from the Michener Center at the University of Texas at Austin, and lives in Brooklyn, where he teaches creative writing at the Pratt Institute.

Questions for Discussion

1. Who is the main character in *Delicious Foods*? What character do you associate with the most? Describe the personality traits, motivations and the inner qualities of these characters.
2. How does the past shape Eddie's life?
3. Was the plot well developed? Is it believable? Do you feel manipulated along the way, or do plot events unfold naturally?
4. Were you surprised by the complications, twists and turns of the story?
5. What themes does the author explore? What symbols does he use to reinforce the themes?
6. Did certain parts of the book make you feel uncomfortable? If so, why did you feel that way? Did this lead to a new understanding or awareness of some aspect of your life you might not have thought about before?
7. Has this book changed you? Broadened your perspective?

(Questions provided by LitLovers.)



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