

The Mercy of the Tide

a novel by Keith Rosson

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Book club discussion questions:

1. Do you think Sam and Toad would have gone on their road trip? Was Sam ready to leave his sister and father?
2. Would events in Riptide have transpired the same way if the skeleton had not been discovered in Tumquala Park?
3. Who should have received the Tumquala girl's bones?
4. Were the Brief Asides necessary to the novel? Did they add or subtract from the overall story?
5. Were the Finsters good parents?
6. Had these events taken place in present day, in what ways would the characters have reacted differently? In what ways was the era and locale important to the story?
7. The Tumquala tribe of Native Americans was an invention of the author. Was it appropriate to include an invented Native American myth in the story?
8. The ending of the novel is vague but seems imminent. What do you think happens? Will there be a sequel, or is this the end of the story?
9. Were this story to take place today, would Nick Hayslip have reacted the same following the trauma he experienced during combat?
10. Did Hayslip redeem himself at the end of the novel?
11. Do you agree with the statement in *The Looming Error* that it's in our nature to seek our own destruction?

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