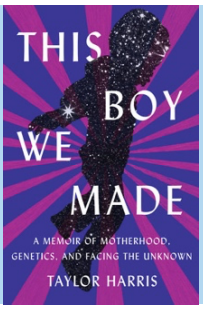
Discussion Guide



This Boy We Made
Taylor Harris

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Summary

A Black mother bumps up against the limits of everything she thought she believed—about science and medicine, about motherhood, and about her faith—in search of the truth about her son. One morning, Tophs, Taylor Harris's round-cheeked, lively twenty-two-month-old, wakes up listless, only lifting his head to gulp down water. She rushes Tophs to the doctor, ignoring the part of herself, trained by years of therapy for generalized anxiety disorder, that tries to whisper that she's overreacting. But at the hospital, her maternal instincts are confirmed: something is wrong with her boy, and Taylor's life will never be the same.

Questions

1. How did the book make you feel? Are you glad you read it?
2. What did you think about the main characters? Who did you relate to the most/least?
3. Are there any quotes, passages, or scenes you found particularly compelling?
4. How does this book compare to other health-related books you've read?
5. Do you have a new perspective because of reading this book?
6. How did your opinion of the book change while you read it?
7. What was your biggest takeaway from the book?
8. Did you complete any extra research on anything presented in the book? If so, what did you find?
9. Which event in the book was most like something you've personally experienced?

Do you think the memoir genre of this book was effective? How did the book's genre influence what you took away from the overall story?

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