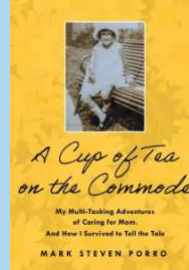


Discussion Guide

	<p><i>A Cup of Tea on the Commode</i> Mark Steven Porro</p> <p>Boutique of Quality Books 2023 320 pages ISBN: 978-1608082841</p>	<p>Eldercare</p>
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Summary

Mark enjoyed his carefree bachelor's life in Los Angeles. He had no steady girlfriend, no children, few responsibilities outside of work. But that all changed when "The Call" came. *A Cup of Tea on the Commode* chronicles the author's multitasking adventures of filling his mother's last years with love, laughter, and joy. Though not always successful, he came very close.

Questions

1. What was your favorite part of *A Cup of Tea on the Commode*?
2. Describe Mark's relationship with his parents. Was he closer to one parent more than another? How so?
3. Did it surprise you that Mark, the son, became his mother's primary caregiver and not one of his sisters? Why or why not?
4. Discuss the various caregivers from the live-in help to the hospice care. How were they beneficial? How did they cause stress?
5. Which scene stuck with you? Why?
6. How did the story impact you? Do you think you will remember it in a few months or years?
7. How did this memoir make you reflect on your own life?
8. Are there any areas you wished the author had elaborated upon further?
9. Who do you think could benefit most from *A Cup of Tea on the Commode*?