

Reading Group Discussion Questions

1. Why did you choose this book? Did it live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
2. What motivated Tomi to write the book? What is her intent?
3. What effect did the news of grandpa's impending demise have on Tomi's state of mind? Describe the mood in the village on Tomi's arrival? What effect does grandpa's impending demise have on the village? Why?
4. Whose idea was the family gathering in part I? How would you describe the family relationship at the time?
5. Compare the family relationship you described in 4 above to the relationship described later in part II of the book. What effect did grandpas' demise have on family relationships?
6. What moral/ethical questions are posed by the book? Do you agree with grandpa? Why or why not? Were there instances in which you felt grandpa was being: arrogant, sentimental, judgmental or unrealistic? Name such instances. How did you react to these sections?
7. Were there instances in which you felt grandpa was contradicting an earlier advice or his lifestyle? Do you see any explanations for such anywhere in the book?
8. What is grandpas' most important message? Would you have put it in another way? How would you have put it? Would you say grandpa's wisdom translates beyond his simple village context? Why or why not?
9. What effects did grandpa's message have on Tomi's self and personality? What does it have on yours? Has the book changed or enhanced your view of the world and living life in general? How so?
10. What did you think of the ending? Was Tomi the same person at the end of the book that she was at the beginning? How does she change? How does she remain the same?
11. What is grandpa's most admirable quality? Is he someone you would want to have known?
12. What do book reviews say about "A Worthy Legacy" or more generally about Tomi Akinyanmi? Is the author someone you would want to know?
13. Think of your answer to 2 above was Tomi able to achieve her intent?
14. What do you think of Tomi's writing style and use of language? Does she draw the reader in? Does keep the reader engaged? How so?
15. How descriptive/informative was the book? Do her descriptions help you understand Tomi's culture or cultural background? How so? Would you have wanted her to be more or less descriptive? Give examples.
16. Compare this book to other books your group has read. How does this book compare to other books in the same genre? Is it similar to any of them? Did you like it more or less?
17. What did you like or dislike about the book that hasn't been discussed already? Were you glad you read this book? Would you like to read it again? What do you think will be your lasting impression of the book? Would you recommend it to a friend? Do you want to read more works by this author?