

"A Mountain Too Steep" by Robin Patchen is a captivating novel that keeps readers on the edge of their seats. To generate engaging book club discussions, here are some thought-provoking conversation starters:

1. What was your initial reaction to the title, "A Mountain Too Steep"? How does it relate to the themes and events in the story?
2. The novel deals with themes of resilience and overcoming obstacles. Which character's journey resonated with you the most, and why?
3. One of the central themes in the novel is faith. How do the different characters grapple with their faith in the face of tragedy? With which character's faith do you identify most? Is there one character whose faith you'd like to emulate?
4. Most of the story takes place in the hospital. How does the setting affect the story?
5. Several supporting characters play pivotal roles in the story. Who was your favorite supporting character, and why did he/she leave an impression on you?
6. The book raises ethical dilemmas and moral choices. Were there any decisions made by the characters that you found particularly challenging to understand or justify?
7. The novel explores the work-home tension that exists in many families today. Discuss the various family dynamics and how they influenced the characters' actions. Discuss what both Daniel and Camilla could have done differently to improve their relationship and family.
8. Were there any plot twists that caught you by surprise? How did they shape your understanding of the story?
9. In the end, did you find the resolution satisfying? Were there any loose ends or unresolved storylines you wish the author had explored further?
10. The author's son and nephew were in a car accident almost identical to Jeremy and Evan's. Does knowing that aspect of the story was based on a true event change your perception of the story? In general, do you enjoy stories based on real events?

These questions should help spark insightful discussions and allow book club members to delve deeper into the rich themes and complexities of "A Mountain Too Steep" by Robin Patchen. Enjoy your book club meeting!