

Book Club Questions

Thank you for discussing *Finding Center Stage* in your book club. I hope you grow to love the characters as I have. Feel free to <u>contact me</u> at www.georgeeckel.com/contact/. I enjoy speaking to book club members. I'd like to invite all of you to join my <u>Insider's Club</u> to stay in touch! Also, feel free to <u>send me your thoughts</u> on the novel. I read every submission. Best wishes!

- 1. The novel describes Richard as someone who drives too fast and pushes too hard. What are all the ways in which Richard is a wreckless or a daredevil? Why do you think he is?
- 2. The dried up insects on the windowsill in his uncle's attic capture Richard's attention. Why and how is that image used throughout the book?
- 3. Why do you think Richard really went to Texas?
- 4. Using words to make you hear music is difficult. How does (or doesn't) the author enable you to hear Richard's music?
- 5. What are the ways that Amy and Richard's mother are alike and different?
- 6. Richard finds himself in a spotlight getting his hair cut. What is the significance of that moment for Richard?
- 7. With a gun to his head, Richard has several revelations about himself and his mom. How does his understanding of his mom change and how does it reflect on him?
- 8. Children appear several times in the novel. How does the author use the children? How do they impact Richard each time?
- 9. How do different people throughout the novel view Richard's scars differently? What does Richard realize as a result?
- 10. Do you have things in your life that hold you back from pursuing your dreams? What are they and if you knew you couldn't fail, what would you love to do?