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MENDING DREAMS **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Did you like Susan when you first met her? Did you get a sense of her anger, even before you knew its source?
2. Were you surprised to learn about the reason for her divorce from Frank? Did you get a sense of her real feelings for him—the ones she hid from herself? Could you relate to these feelings?
3. How did the circumstances of the divorce affect Susan's self-image?
4. When Susan decides to try and heal the rift between Frank and Grandpa K, she sets something else in motion. Did the end result of this surprise you? Did you expect to see Grandpa K's further involvement in her life?
5. What did you think the book was about?
6. Did you enjoy reading the book? Why or why not? At what point did you decide if you liked it or not? What influenced this decision?
7. Did you learn something you didn't know before in reading this book? After you read it, did you see anything in a different light?
8. What did the book's title mean to you? What dreams are mended? Does Susan do it on her own, or does she have help?
9. Susan says, at the end, "Here I am." What is she really saying here?
10. The themes of courage and forgiveness run through the book. Who is braver: Susan or Frank? Or Clayton? Do you think Susan *really* forgave Frank?
11. Who was your favorite character? Why? Your least favorite? Why?
12. Friendship plays an important role in Susan's life, but she eventually realizes that she has to let go of one friendship. Have you ever outgrown a friendship? Were you able to let go of it?
13. If you could change something about the book, what would it be? Why?
14. How did you feel about the book's ending? Did it satisfy you as a reader?