

## Discussion Questions for *The Accidental Marriage*

1. Describe the characters of Scott and Megan. Was there anything that surprised you about their characters? Anything that you could relate to?
2. Early in the story, Megan twice uses the phrase “It always means something!” (p. 19 & p. 57) What is she referring to in each case? Do you think she’s intuitively grasping something important, even though her reason is persuaded otherwise?
3. In the course of the story, two people buy dresses for Megan. How do their intents and methods differ?
4. Do you think Scott’s parents were ever “in love”?
5. At one point, Scott quotes Francis as saying he thinks Scott and Megan have an “exemplary marriage”? What reasons does Francis give for saying this? Do you think Scott and Megan have an exemplary marriage? Why or why not?
6. Do you think the absent Lisa has any effect on Scott’s view of, and treatment of, Megan?
7. What do you think motivates Helge Sykes? Do you know anyone like her?
8. Scott has several dreams. What do you think his heart is telling him through them?
9. In what had Scott been indulging that weakened him when the test came on the bridge? Do you ever do things like that?
10. Do you see any parallels between Scott’s situation when he finds himself back in his hometown and that of his father?
11. Many readers have stated that the story didn’t end the way they’d thought it would. Did it end the way you thought it would? If not, what were you expecting, and how did that differ from the actual outcome?
12. Do you think the chapters of Scott and Megan’s life that follow the book would be interesting enough to make another novel? Or do you think they would be full of nothing more than mundane life?
13. Did you expect Scott and Megan to fall in love? Why or why not?
14. Scott and Megan expect the fact that they consider themselves gay to insulate them from emotional intimacy. Does it? Do they become more intimate as they share a life? What kind of intimacy is it?

