



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Salty Like Blood

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1. Is Salty Like Blood is a metaphor? Or a simile? (Hint: it's both! How?)
2. How is it ironic that David Connors ends up working in a prison?
3. How is David already in a prison?
4. What does the turtle (trapped in the crab pot) represent? How about the crabs scraping the inside of the boiling pot?
5. Explain the tension David feels between being a doctor and doing what he is capable of doing for his father, and acting only as his son, out of love for his father.
6. Does love mandate the use of every possible treatment to combat illness?
7. Not only is David bound by his bitterness against the man he presumes is responsible for his daughter's disappearance, he is bound by events in his own childhood. How is his childhood horror mirrored in his adult experience?

8. What will be the keys to David's freedom? Is the issue whether he can forgive Riley, or whether he can he forgive himself?

9. What is hampering David's ability to love and support his wife? Is it related to his inability to love himself?

10. In the final scenes with David and Riley, David has choices to make. How does his choice reflect the advice his wife gave him regarding the treatment of David's father?

11. How is forgiveness bloody? Salty?

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