



THE REAL LIFE OF GREY MONROE DISCUSSION *Guide*

1. Grey's entire life has been broadcast without her knowledge. What does the novel say about the nature of reality, performance, and identity when one's life is always under an audience? How does this relate to reality television and social media today?
2. Grey's relationship with her brother is a crucial element in the story. Do you believe Grey's relationship with her brother is real, despite the lies? Do you think he made the right choice to leave the show? To come back?
3. How did Grey and Wilder's perspectives and goals change throughout the story? Did their journeys make them more or less compatible for each other?
4. Grey struggles to meet her own and others' expectations for her, especially when it comes to how she deals with trauma and tragedy in her life. How does this impact her character throughout the story? What impact do the important people in her life have on this tendency towards perfectionism?
5. Wilder breaks some rules, and even laws, in order to save Grey. Is he justified in his actions? Why or why not?
6. Grey's TV show utilizes advanced augmented reality and AI to create her world and keep her fooled. What role does technology play in the story? Do you agree with the representation?
7. Wilder claims he fell in love with Grey before he even met her, only from watching her show. Do you think that's possible? Did you relate to any of the "fake" characters in the book?