

## Book Club Questions – Write My Name Across the Sky

Write My Name Across the Sky starts with Gloria and the distressing news of Isaak's arrest. What do you think about her involvement in Isaak's schemes? Was it due to the impetuous behavior of being young and in love, or should she have known better? Should she have been able to anticipate the ripple effects of this decision on her life and of those around her?

Write My Name Across the Sky features the stories of Gloria, Willow, and Sam at a tense and fraught time in their lives and relationships with each other. Did you relate to any one character more than another? Which character's story stood out to you?

Each woman has dreams that have often conflicted with their reality. Can dreams and reality co-exist? Whose dreams in Write My Name Across the Sky seem more realistic to you?

Write My Name Across the Sky is a book about choices as much as it is about the women who have made them. What do their choices say about them?

The male characters in Write My Name Across the Sky are secondary characters who have had major impacts on the lives of the women in the story. Where do you think these women would be had these men not come into their lives? Have these impacts been largely negative or positive?

Barbara O'Neal has said that Gloria's Upper West side pre-war apartment—with the greenhouse and the rooftop garden and beautiful paintings—is the kind of place that's totally her fantasy. What did you think of the apartment? What does your fantasy home look like?

Billie Thorne is the inciting character of the book. Despite her loss, her influence on Gloria, Willow, and Sam is as powerful as if she were still alive. What do you think their lives would have been like if Billie had lived?

Write My Name Across the Sky was Billie Thorne's biggest hit. Do you think it was an appropriate title for the book? What importance did the song have to the characters and the story as a whole?

What did you like best about the book? What did you like least about it?

Share a favorite quote or passage from the book. Why did this stand out to you?

If Write My Name Across the Sky were turned into a movie, who would you cast? (There are no plans on this front as of now, but it is fun to think about!)

If you had the chance to ask Barbara one question about this book, what would it be?

Barbara has told this story using the three different points of view of the three main characters. Did you like this storytelling choice? Why or why not? If not, how would you have preferred this story being told?

Have you read any other Barbara O'Neal books? How does this one compare? Do you have a favorite book of hers?