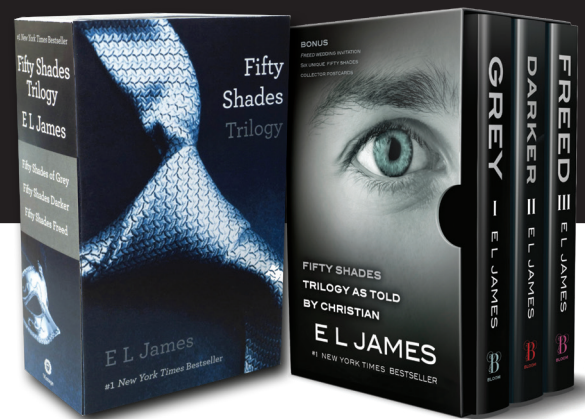


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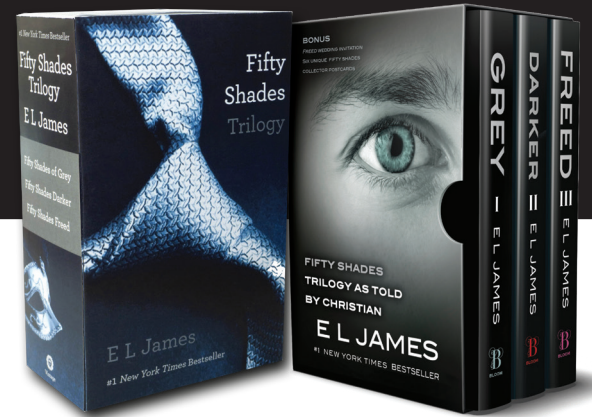
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1. How would Christian have turned out if he weren't introduced to being a Dom? Would he have had the discipline to become as successful as he did?
2. If, at the end of the trilogy, Ana were to write a letter or give a piece of advice to Ana at the start of the trilogy, what would it say? What advice would Christian give his future self?
3. The entire series shows growth and compromise in both characters. How did their relationship help each of them grow, and what do you think was the biggest lesson each of them learned from the other?
4. How would things have been different if Ana hadn't walked out on Christian? Would he have made the changes if she had stayed? Was her leaving him a necessary part of the relationship?
5. How does Ana's arc over the first three books in her POV reflect her own process of learning about love and compromise?
6. Did Christian's POV change your mind about how you thought about him in the first trilogy in Ana's POV? Did hearing his inner thoughts make you reflect differently on the role BDSM played in his life?
7. How did the way Christian and Ana each tested their limits in their relationship help them create their love story? How did pushing boundaries help each of them compromise, grow, forgive, and heal?
8. Christian's past and inner demons are a big part of his POV. Do you think Ana was able to fully understand his pain or will their love story always be a work in progress?
9. What roles do fear and love play in the development of Christian and Ana's relationship? Is there a point when each of their fears and insecurities prevent them from being completely honest with each other? How do they overcome that?

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10. How does Kate and Elliot's relationship compare with Christian and Ana's? Are there similarities between Kate and Ana's feelings about their partners? How are they different?
11. For all that Christian has been adopted by a good and loving family, he has kept everyone in his life at arm's length. Why is that? What do you think it is about Ana that allows him to finally be vulnerable?
12. Several readers have said this series has changed the way they thought about sex and their own desire, and it has created an important cultural dialogue about sexuality and intimacy. Did Christian and Ana's physical relationship and boundary-pushing impact your own views of sexuality, desire, and intimacy?

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