



DEATH AROUND THE CORNER

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Diana help Daquan through the book? What would her life have been like if she had lived longer?
2. Is there anything Grandma Mama could have done to keep Daquan off the streets? What would have made a difference in his life? More money? A father? A different environment?
3. How does Daquan justify his actions? Does Daquan truly believe it when he tells himself that drugs took his life away so they owe him a living?
4. When Daquan goes to jail, the narrator says “the worst kind of heart is a young, bitter one.” What is the meaning of this statement?
5. Why does G-Money attack the prison guard when he knows that he will be beaten? What affect does his beating have on the other prisoners, and on Daquan?
6. What does Diane mean when she tells Daquan “You can’t change the mistakes you made in the past, but you can make sure you don’t make them again.” Does Daquan heed her advice? Why or why not?
7. What examples can you think of when Daquan made decisions based on emotion rather than having a thought-out plan. How did those decisions work out for him?
8. How does Mikey, the boy whose mother is kidnapped, differ from young Daquan?
9. How does Nut’s relationship with Daquan change from the time they first meet until the end of the book? Are there any clues early in the story that predict how things will turn out in the end?
10. Is Mandi a good or a bad person? Does he deserve what happens to him at the end? Who is she thinking about when she tells Daquan that “Very rarely, is there honor among thieves, which means, if someone is a thief, then he’ll steal from anyone. It’s hard to trust people, Daquan, even if you want to.” Does she listen to her own advice? Does Daquan?
11. Is Nut a good or bad person? What do you think will happen to him at book’s end?
12. Daquan a good or a bad person? Does he deserve what happens to him at the end?

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