



From the Ashes of Courage

An Ardor Point Novel

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Discussion Questions

1. The story doesn't explicitly mention "courage." What in Gail's life might the title be referring to? In Eddie's life?
2. What is each character's greatest ambition? Her greatest fear? What do you think makes her the kind of person she is?
3. How does each character change throughout the course of the story? What new insights dawn on her? How could each character's story have played out differently, if her circumstances had been different, or if she had made different choices? Would it have been better for her, or worse?
4. What did Gail do wrong in her first marriage? Eddie? What was each's greatest regret? Have they dealt with these issues sufficiently to give them a chance to succeed now?
5. Gail's initially said that she and George had fundamental differences that would always get in between them. Why do you think she changed her mind?
6. Why doesn't Eddie tell his friends stories about his marriage?
7. Was Eddie's dream really about Gail? Or was Gail a metaphor for someone or something else?
8. Were the secondary characters important to the story? Did any stand out for you?
9. In what ways does Ann feel put down by Gail? Why doesn't she express her feelings earlier?
10. How did Frank and Lola Porter affect Gail and Eddie's relationship?