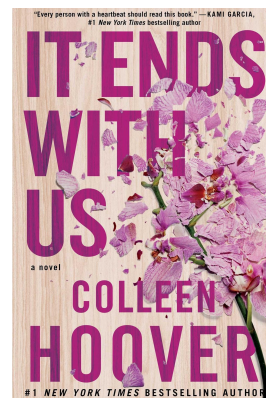


## Discussion Questions

### *It Ends With Us*

Colleen Hoover

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1. What do you think the title means?
  2. What do you think of Lily's letters to Ellen DeGeneres? Was this an effective literary device to tell Lily and Atlas's story?
  3. What were your initial thoughts about Ryle? Why do you think Colleen Hoover made the deliberate choice to make him so likable in the beginning?
  4. Ryle suffered from a traumatic accident when he was a child. Does this event excuse his behavior? Did this make you empathize with him?
  5. Lily says, "there is no such thing as bad people. We're all just people who sometimes do bad things." Do you agree with her? Why or why not?
  6. Lily grew up watching her father abuse her mother. How do you think this influenced her future relationships?
  7. Why do you think Lily helped Atlas as children, and then continued to help him after people at school found out?
  8. After Ryle hits her for the first time, Lily says, "all humans make mistakes. What determines a person's character aren't the mistakes we make. It's how we take those mistakes and turn them into lessons rather than excuses." How do you see Ryle and Lily turning their mistakes into lessons?
  9. Did you find yourself judging Lily's decisions at any point in the book? What did this story teach you about domestic violence?
  10. Hoover's parents had an abusive marriage, just like Lily. In an interview, she's quoted saying that her "...mother filed for divorce when she was three, but she says that she never understood how someone as independent as her mother could have stayed so many years in an abusive relationship." How do you see the theme of generational trauma throughout *It Ends With Us*?
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