

***Golden Girl* Discussion Questions**

1. How does this story approach grief? In what ways do the characters grieve Vivi's death? What do they rely on to help them process and move past their grief?
2. Vivi believes that her children are being punished for the mistakes she made in the past. Do you think this is true for Willa, Leo, and Carson?
3. Why do you think Vivi has such strong feelings about Willa's decision to marry her high school sweetheart, Rip? At the beginning of the book, did you agree more with Vivi or Willa? Did you change your mind by the end of the book?
4. How does the label and role of "the other woman" affect Amy's life and her decisions?
5. Why was there so much tension between Leo and Cruz when they encountered each other on the boardwalk? Do you think Leo believed that his best friend killed his mother?
6. Why do you believe Leo stayed in a relationship with Marissa even though he knew he didn't want to have a future with her?
7. In what ways does Carson's rebellious nature affect her relationship with her family and her career?
8. How does Carson's affair with Zach become complicated after the death of Vivi? Why do you think she was unable to end this relationship even though she knew it was wrong?
9. How does the theme of secrets play a role in *Golden Girl*? What secret is each character trying to hide?
10. After the death of Vivi, how does Savannah and JP's relationship change?
11. Why did Martha override Vivi's decision to use her nudge to stop Brett from meeting Willa?
12. How do you think Willa feels when she finds that Vivi might have had a miscarriage in the past? Why does Willa decide not to tell anyone else of this secret?
13. Why do you think Vivi never told anyone about her relationship with Brett Caspian?
14. One important aspect of this book is learning to face one's truth. How do each of these characters confront the mistakes, actions, and identities they've been trying to ignore? How do they move on?
15. Martha tells Vivi that her father used a nudge from *The Beyond*, to make her forget to bring shampoo to college. Have you ever felt like you were being guided by a loved one or an outside force to help you become the person you are now?