



Book Discussion Questions for Crossing the Line

1. What did you think of people's reactions to Emma - her color and the circumstances of Jane's pregnancy? Did it seem in keeping with their characters?
2. Do you feel Jane gets sufficient comeuppance for her lies? After all, she has to face everyone and confess.
3. What would you do if you saw a baby abandoned? Is it the same as what you would WANT to do and, if not, what would you WANT to do?
4. Would you rather see Jane reform or would you rather the other characters take their revenge on her?
5. What do you think of Jane as a mother to Emma? Would you trust her with your baby?
6. What do you think is the most outrageous thing Jane does? What moved you most?
7. How do you feel about cross-cultural adoption?
8. What do you think of Jane's attempts to give Emma a cultural heritage?
9. What do you think of Jane's handling of her mother's big news?
10. What do you think of Jane's attempts to expose Emma to religion?
11. What's the funniest scene? The saddest? The most crazy-making thing Jane does?
12. In *The Thin Pink Line*, Jane was obsessed with a pregnancy book. This time, she's obsessed with a guide to a baby's first year. What do you think of these kinds of books?
13. Why do you think Jane is the way she is?
14. What do you think happens beyond the end of the novel?