

## The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person narration?
2. How does the Great Books of Western Civilization book club sound?
3. What do you think of the impromptu book club that sprouts out of the people who flee the boring book club?
4. Based on the 1<sup>st</sup> fifty pages, what genre does this feel like and why?
5. How do you feel about the juxtaposition of dread and banality in the book?
6. What do you think of a Southern housewife circa 1993 like Patricia helping a single man like James?
7. How is *The Bridges of Madison County* an appropriate choice for James' first book club?
8. Who is your favorite character and why?
9. Who is your least favorite character and why?
10. What do you think about Miss Mary's story about Hoyt and her father and prohibition?
11. How do you feel about the horror scenes like the one with the rats?
12. What do you think Mrs. Greene's stories about what's happening her neighborhood say about what crimes get attention and what crimes get ignored?
13. How do you feel when Patricia realizes what James is?
14. Would you be upset about the invitation into your home?
15. Do you think the women in book club would deny Patricia's evidence of James being a drug dealer after reading *The Stranger Beside Me*?
16. How do you feel about the way the husbands treat the women in this book?
17. What do you think of the three-year time jump?
18. How do you feel about the way the book club changed when James took over?
19. What do you think of the role of psychiatric drugs in the book?
20. Do you think Miss Mary's ghost is real? Why or why not?
21. How do you feel about the horrors of the book?
22. Why do you think James tries to win Patricia over rather than attacking her?
23. What do you think of the way the women get James?
24. Why do you think the kids want to be with Patricia?
25. Did you like the ending?
26. Did you like the book?
27. What do you think of the additions at the end of the book?
28. Do you want to read more by Grady Hendrix?