

***Giving Myself Away* by Grete DeAngelo**

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Do you like Adrienne? Do you like her more or less by the end of the book?
2. Do you feel sympathy for Adrienne, or was she being too careless?
3. Should Adrienne have accepted George's offer?
4. Do you like George? Do you like him more or less by the end of the book?
5. How do you think Adrienne should have told her boys about the impending baby?
6. Do you think it should have been Adrienne's decision alone on whether to keep the baby, or should she have included George, her parents, and her children in the decision?
7. Do you agree with her final decision?
8. Do you believe Adrienne's mother had her best interests in mind?
9. When is giving up a baby for adoption for the best, if ever?
10. Why would Adrienne want to see George date someone else?
11. Why do Adrienne and her boss Melanie seem to have trouble seeing eye to eye?
12. How do the children in *Giving Myself Away* act out as kids of divorce (Adrienne's sons Tyler and Nicky, George's daughter Christiana, Amy's kids Zack, Bailey, and Kevin)?
13. When you're a parent, is it ever okay to put your perceived needs ahead of your children's?
14. Is Adrienne a selfish person?
15. How does Adrienne change as a result of her experiences? Or does she?

16. How typical was Drew and Adrienne's divorce? Do you think it could have been avoided?
17. Do you agree with the idea that it's harder for girls (Christiana) to accept a stepparent than it is for boys (Tyler and Nicky)?
18. What are some of the troubles Tyler and Nicky faced as part of their new blended family with their dad, his girlfriend Amy, and her sons?
19. How did Adrienne's divorce affect her feelings about future relationships?
20. How does George's profession as a funeral director alter his perspective?
21. How does George handle his daughter's teenage problems?
22. Why does Adrienne have such a push-pull relationship with George?
23. Is Adrienne "over" Drew?
24. Do you think George made the best decision for his future happiness?
25. What do you think will happen next for Adrienne?