

## **Book Group Discussion Guide for Shawn Klomprens's *Two Years, No Rain***

1. Why is Andy so sad? At what points over the course of the story does the reader begin to understand the causes of his grief?
2. At the beginning of the book, how serious is Andy's relationship with Hillary Hsing? How does it become more serious, and at what points in the story?
3. Is there a difference between the ways Andy regards his "work" as a meteorologist, and his "job" at Constellation Radio?
4. Discuss Andy's relationships with his family members. How does he interact with his sister, Leigh Anne, or his niece, Hannah? Is the bitterness he feels toward his parents justified, and why?
5. Is Jason's reaction at the baseball game reasonable? Does that exchange affect Hillary and Andy's relationship in any way?
6. How is Andy dealing with his fainting episodes? Why does he seem to be in such denial about them?
7. What is the situation with Andy's brother-in-law, Matt?
8. Discuss Lam's poem. How does Andy feel about it, and what does it represent to him, or to Hillary?
9. How does Andy feel about his coworkers at the bing! network?
10. Does Andy's behavior upon seeing Elise at the bar signify a real change in his character? If so, is the change good or bad?
11. During their "game" on the flight to Hong Kong, what do Andy and Hillary learn about each other? What do they learn while there?
12. Is Hillary's anger and sudden departure after the typhoon reasonable?
13. Why does Andy throw the poem?
14. Over the course of the story, what has Andy learned? Has he grown from the experience?

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