

## Discussion Questions for *Ceremony of Innocence*

1. Is a sexually-sinning narrator a scandal or a relief?
2. At what age do women begin to worry about aging?
3. If American, what are your experiences of anti-American feeling? OR: If Canadian, are you embarrassed by the Canadian anti-Americanism in the book?
4. How would you respond to Suzy's critique of Catholicism?
5. To what extent does immigration affect the native population?
6. What or who is the moral center of the novel?
7. Where does God make His presence most firmly felt?
8. What role does irony play in the novel?
9. Is there irony involved in the very writing of the novel itself?
10. How is Suzie innocent? Is the narrator innocent? Is the author? Are readers?

