Discussion Questions for *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* by Stephen King

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1. What makes us root for a character to live in a survival story? Did you identify with Tricia?

2. Are the characters believable? Did King do a good job capturing the voice of a nine-year-old girl?

3. Was the plot believable? Did anything happen that surprised you?

4. How did you find the pace of the book? Did you find the baseball game structure effective? Why or why not?

5. Why are sports important to people? Why is Tom Gordon important to Tricia?

6. What are the roles of God and Nature in this book?

7. What makes *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon* a work of psychological horror? Or is it?

8. Did any lines or passages strike you as noteworthy, or parts you especially enjoyed?

9. What was the book’s biggest strength for you as a reader? What was the book’s biggest flaw?

10. Are there any questions you would like to ask, or other issues or elements you would like to discuss?