

ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

Flip by Martyn Bedford

***Note: some questions contain spoilers.**

1. If you were to wake up in another person's body, as Alex does, how would you react? Would you do the same things that he does? How would you handle such an experience?
2. In the story, Alex isn't able to choose the body he takes over. But imagine that Alex did have a choice in the matter. Using what you know about Alex's personality and the cast of people in his life, who do you think he would choose to "be?"
3. If you could switch bodies with someone—anyone in the world—whom would you choose? Why?
4. Alex chooses to visit his real family to try to find out what happened to his body. Why do you think he chose to do this rather than search online or in newspaper clippings? What would you have done to find out about your body's fate?
5. Do you think that Flip was affected by the switch in any positive ways? Alex finds out by living in Flip's body that he was a pretty shallow person—he chose to do things that some would consider unethical, such as dating more than one girl at a time, lying, smoking and treating others disrespectfully (specifically his sister). Do you think Flip learned to be a better person in the end? Why do you think the author chose not to include any rendezvous between Flip and Alex after they switch back?
6. What lessons does Alex learn about life, family, relationships and love through his experiences as Flip?
7. Alex has a very complicated relationship with Rob. Describe their relationship and explain why it is integral to the story and to Alex's journey back to his own body.
8. What would have happened to Alex if his plan hadn't worked in the end and his "soul" wasn't able to go back into his body? Re-write the ending so that he is forced to remain in Flip's body.
9. Why do you think Alex decided to trust only Cherry with his secret? Why do you think he decides not to tell David in the end, instead saying "Sometimes the truth is too much for people to take." Why did he think Cherry would be able to "take the truth" and not his best friend?
10. Share the most significant lesson that you gleaned from the story after reading it.



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