

Crevice

Discussion Questions

1. Do you think it is Elery's fault that Chad died? Why does she feel responsible? Have you ever felt responsible for something you couldn't control?
2. Most of the stories in the Earth Hunters series center on outdoor adventure. Where have you always wanted to have an adventure? And why?
3. Jacob Waltz (the Dutchman) and his search for gold in 1850 mirrors Elery's search for both the gold in her mine and her brother once he is lost. Have you ever searched for anything with that kind of intensity? Why was it so important to you?
4. Compare Elery's search with her brother, Garrick's obsession to find the Lost Dutchman's gold mine. How are they different? What do you think about the pursuit of wealth?
5. Jayna Rowan comes to town with something to prove, but God's plan is to bring her and Elery together. Have you ever misunderstood God's plan? How has God most surprised you?
6. Lucan lost his twin brother due to a mistake made by Elery. How do you think he was able to forgive her? How easy is it for you to forgive others in your life?
7. Are Ron and Garrick's obsessive search for the Lost Dutchman mine different? Or the same? How so?
8. Chad and Lucan hide the journal pages from their cousin in multiple locations. Why do you think they did that rather than lock them in a safety deposit box? What does it say about them?
9. Garrick found himself literally waiting for help in the desert. What do you think he learned from that? What have you learned in your waiting deserts?
10. After Fred killed Jacob Weiser (the Dutchman's old friend), Jacob Waltz (the Dutchman) refused to retaliate. He said Fred was "a devil the Lord would have to take care of personally." When the Apaches brutally killed Fred, was it justice or overkill?

11. Christ's Body Church believes in faith healing. Do you? Why do you think they took the idea to the extreme in believing that anyone who is sick has too small a faith? Have you ever been in a church like that? Have you ever stayed too long at a church you knew God was calling you to leave, like Elery and her dad?
12. Jayna says, "Forgiveness isn't just about faith. It's about understanding yourself and the nature of God." What do you think she meant by that? If God is the perfect judge, why do you think we continue to put ourselves in that position?
13. I had so much fun creating the treasure map from the journal entries. This isn't a question, more of a bonus challenge: Set up a treasure hunt for someone you love—leave clues only they would understand and lead them to something fun that they love (chocolate, toys, tools, books, or video games).