

To Melt a Snowdrift - Discussion Questions

A Novel about a Blizzard, an 18-wheeler, and a Family Disaster
Ready to Go? Book 2 - but you don't have to read these in order

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1. **Warm-up question:** What personal experiences do you have living through blizzards, wildfires, hurricanes, or other natural disasters? (Get to know your group.)
2. Whether you live in the city, suburbs, or rural area, how did the book spark your interest about blizzard preparedness for your car or your home? (See page 2 for specific ideas.)
3. As the novel begins and Anna is reacting badly to David's delayed arrival, what was your opinion of her behavior? What made you decide to stick with the story and find out what was going on?
4. At the beginning of the novel, what do you think Anna and David need to work on in their marriage?
5. When the weather reports get scary and David makes one bad decision after another, how did Anna react, and why? How would you have handled him?
6. Did your opinion of Anna change as you got to know her background better?
7. How did your opinion of David change as you moved through the story, got to know him, and eventually realized what was wrong with him?
8. Which scene or quote has stuck with you the most?
9. How does title *To Melt a Snowdrift* relate to blizzards? To relationships? What might be a better title for this novel?
10. What did you learn from this book that you could apply to your personal preparedness... or to a relationship you're in?
11. What sequels (or prequels) do you hope to see from *To Starve an Ember* and *To Melt a Snowdrift* in the **Ready to Go?** series?

Please write a review of *To Melt a Snowdrift* and *To Starve an Ember* on Goodreads.com or where ever you bought the book.

Let me know your thoughts, questions, and favorite quotes at Lisa@LisaHatfieldWriter.com

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Extra activities

1. What should you have stored in your vehicle to be prepared if you are trapped by a snowdrift, flood, wind storm, slide off road and stuck in a ravine... and need to stay in your car for 24 hours or longer? Consider:
 - a. Water supply options
 - b. Personal hygiene and sanitation options
 - c. Warmth options
 - d. Communication options
 - e. Food options
 - f. Tow rope so someone can pull you out of trouble
 - g. Psychology/boredom/stress while waiting.
 - h. Do you travel with children, elderly people, or pets? Think...

2. What do you need to have stored in your home if you were trapped for as long as a week without electricity?
 - a. Do you get your heat from electricity, such as baseboard heaters, or radiators heated by a boiler that makes hot water?
 - b. Do you get your heat from propane stored in a tank on your property? How often does the gas company come to fill up the tank?
 - c. How will you keep yourself warm as temperature in house sinks?
 - d. Do you get your water from a well? If so, did you know if you have no electricity, the well pump will not work?
 - e. If you have a gas fireplace, will it start/ignite if you don't have electricity? (check your instructions to see)
 - f. Food in refrigerator/freezer will go bad. How will you deal with this?
 - g. What other food do you have stored? How will you prepare it?
 - h. How will you know what is going on in the outside world?
 - i. Can you charge batteries for phone, radio, amateur radio, etc.?
 - j. What will you do for entertainment/stress relief for yourself, children?
 - k. What other specific issues might your family face in this scenario?

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