

## Discussion Questions for *Reinvented Lives* by Annie Weissman

1. Which sister did you relate to most? Why?
2. Rhoda visits many places for her aging mother to live. Have you been to any? What are your impressions? What are the roadblocks to some of those living situations (group home, tiered environments, nursing homes)?
3. How did Rhoda deal with her mother's refusal to move to assisted living at the beginning of the book? How did you deal with it?
4. What are some examples of sibling rivalries from the past that impact the present in the novel? Do sibling rivalries still play out in your life?
5. Describe each sister's relationship with her mother.
6. Did you agree with Rhoda's decision to have the pacemaker put into Rae? Why or why not?
7. Was Rae's life worth living after that? What makes life worth living?
8. What are some important things Rhoda learns from her mother?
9. Which setting was the most vivid to you?
10. Rae says less and less as the book goes on. How does this show her increasing dementia? What other signs did you notice?
11. Do you take care of or have you taken care of a senior citizen? How does your situation compare with the one in the book?
12. How did each of the main characters reinvent their lives? Discuss the emergence of this phenomenon in modern times.