

THE MULLIGAN

Discussion Questions

1. Was Joe Mix's "mulligan" the result of trying to fulfill his father's expectations instead of his own?
2. Was Joe Mix's "mulligan" believable? Have you ever considered calling in "sick" permanently?
3. Were there any parallels with the *Wizard of Oz*?
4. It has been said that a writer seeks to connect with readers by describing the common things in all our lives in such a way that they become uncommon. Therefore the reader must think about them differently. Did you see any instances where you connected with the author?
5. What was the pivotal moment in Joe's life?
6. What does Jake's death symbolize?
7. What lessons did Joe learn at Marsh Clement's bizarre T-box?
8. Site similarities between golf and life, fishing and life.
9. Were there other characters in the book who also took a mulligan in life? Who?
10. Who would play each character in the movie version of *The Mulligan*?