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***Finding Nouf* Study Questions**

**Background Info**

1. Name of author:
2. Where did the author live after the Gulf War?
3. What kind of life did she live there?
4. Where does she live now?

**Chapter 1**

1. What day is the holy day?
2. In which direction does the prayer rug need to face?
3. How does Nayir describe typical Shrawi men?
4. How is Othman different from that description?
5. What has happened to Nouf (Othman’s sister)?
6. How does Nayir know so much about the desert?

**Chapter 2**

1. Why does Nayir offer to pick up Nouf’s body from the coroner’s office?
2. What is a hijab?
3. What do you learn about looking a woman in the eyes in this culture?
4. What is a burqa?
5. What is different about Katya Hijazi compared to other woman, according to Nayir?
6. What is said to be Nouf’s cause of death?
7. What other wounds are on Nouf’s body?
8. What false statement does Maamoon make about camels? Why could this be important to the death of Nouf?
9. What is a wadi?
10. What facts about Nouf’s case make Nayir unconvinced that she drowned?

**Chapter 3**

1. What is different about Othman’s mother?
2. How does she say she knows when Nayir is at the door?
3. Where does the funeral take place?
4. Why isn’t she buried in a coffin?
5. Something very important strikes Nayir as odd when he sees Nouf’s body in the grave. What is it and why is it important?

**Chapter 4**

1. What is zakat?
2. Why do the Shrawis keep their furnishings elegant and plain?
3. The Shrawis live a life that’s opposite of Nayir’s. Why is it that he can stand to be friends with them?
4. Where is Nayir from? Why do the Shrawi’s think he’s a Bedouin?
5. Name a couple of traditions that the Shrawis follow during/around the funeral.
6. How is Othman different from the other Shrawi siblings?
7. There is some irony at the top of page 32. What is it?
8. Nayir seems to view women differently than the Shrawi men. How so?
9. Why don’t the brothers seem to know any personal information about Nouf?
10. What personal conflict does Nayir face in connection to the mystery of Nouf’s death?

**Chapter 5**

1. Explain how men/women entered and lived in a residence differently.
2. What important information does Nayir find out about Nouf’s case with the examiner’s office?
3. How is Katya connected to Othman? (Name at least two ways)
4. Why is Nayir surprised about their connection?
5. How did the Shrawis obtain their island?
6. Why is Othman’s explanation about the camel wrong?
7. Explain this line: “When you enter the house of the blind, you put out your eyes.”
8. What does Nayir notice about the stable hand’s daughter?
9. What does Nayir find on the camel?

**Chapter 6**

1. Why does Katya have a personal driver?
2. Of what is Katya’s father disapproving? (Name two)
3. Name the samples that Katya has collected.
4. What is seemingly different about a “women’s street” compared to any other street?
5. What proves that Katya was conducting her own analysis of Nouf’s case before Othman even asked?
6. Ahmad does something special for Katya when he drives her. What does this show about his personality?
7. What defiant action does Salwa take when there are visitors in the examiner’s office?
8. Why does Salwa think that Katya came to work early?
9. Why does Salwa encourage Katya not to wear her burqa at work?
10. What is the real reason that Katya has come to work early? Does it work out?

**Chapter 7**

1. Why is “Bedouin map” and oxymoron?
2. Explain a few things that show Suhail is not accustomed to the desert.
3. What is in the bag of Nouf’s belongings? What sticks out about the items?
4. Why doesn’t Nayir like to be mistaken for a Bedouin?
5. Explain the “stateless” idea of a Palestinian (you may need to look this up if you don’t remember from World History).
6. What is the Murrah tribe?
7. What is firaasa?
8. How does Mutlaq identify the place where Nouf’s body was found?
9. Suhail does ONE productive thing while he’s with them. What is it?
10. What is significant/surprising about the area where the shoe was found?
11. What ends up happening to Suhail?

**Chapter 8**

1. How did Nayir end up growing up with his Uncle Samir?
2. How was it that Nayir ended up as a loner/adventurer?
3. What is it that worries Nayir, even still, about the fact of his uncle raising him?
4. Where does Nayir live?
5. The five lines Nayir discovered on the camel’s leg are significant. What does it prove about Nouf before she was murdered?
6. Why is the oleander find important?

**Chapter 9**

1. Why is Fatimah important to Nayir?
2. Explain the law against unmarried lovers.
3. For what do Othman and Nayir go shopping?
4. Why is it significant that Othman is missing his jacket?
5. What randomly happens to Nayir at the bazaar?
6. What does Nayir worry about all the way home?

**New Character Notes:**

Mutlaq –

Suhail –

**Chapter 10**

1. What kind of personality does Muhammad have?
2. What does Nayir smell at Muhammad’s house?
3. How did Muhammad get the job of being Nouf’s driver?
4. Who is Eric Scarsberry?
5. What did Nouf give Eric and why?
6. What was Nouf’s dream for her life?
7. What thought strikes Nayir as odd as he leaves Muhammad’s house?

**Chapter 11**

1. What does Nayir love about the marina?
2. Why is it ironic that he lives on the sea?
3. Explain Majid’s personality.
4. Why does the thought that Nouf was trying to escape this life sadden Nayir (pg 110)?
5. What does Qazi do?
6. How had Qazi known Nouf before he was engaged to her?
7. What was it about Nouf that made Qazi want to marry her?

**Chapter 12**

1. Explain the relationship between Katya and her father.
2. What did/does Katya’s father do?
3. What kind of education does Katya have?
4. What jobs has Katya had previous to her current work?
5. Why does Katya feel like she has to work?
6. How and where did Katya meet Othman?
7. What kind of person was Katya’s mother? What did she believe about women?
8. What important discovery does Katya find out about Nouf?
9. What does Othman tell Katya to do if she can’t get a hold of him by phone? Why does this worry her?

**Chapter 13**

1. How does Nayir feel about multiple wives? What did he think of men with multiple wives?
2. Why does Katya come to talk to Nayir?
3. What do Katya and Nayir end up doing together?

**Chapter 14**

1. What’s different about the bar at Club Jed?
2. What did they find inside Eric’s house?

**Chapter 15**

1. What does Katya want Nayir to do with her after leaving Club Jed?
2. What is zina?
3. What is Dr. Ahed Jahiz like?
4. What’s different about Nouf’s glasses?

**Chapter 16**

1. Where does Nayir go?
2. Who does he meet there?
3. What does he find out from her?

**Chapter 17**

1. Where does Eric live?
2. What are characteristics that Eric has?
3. What was his relationship with Nouf like?
4. How does Eric feel about giving a sample of his DNA?
5. How did Eric meet Nouf?

**Chapter 18**

1. How does Ahmad look out for Katya in special ways?
2. How do the Shrawi women live/act? Give specific examples.
3. Who are the following?
   1. Zahra
   2. Fadilah
   3. Abir
4. What are the events and facts surrounding Othman’s adoption?
5. What kind of clothes are in Nouf’s trousseau?

**Chapter 19**

1. Why does Katya want to meet with Othman so late at night?
2. Where did they end up meeting (the second place)?
3. How did Othman know about this place?
4. Why does Othman want her to stop working in Nouf’s case?
5. Does Katya explain why she wanted to meet?

**Chapter 20**

1. What important discovery does Katya tell Nayir about the father of Nouf’s child?
2. Why does Nayir think Othman doesn’t want Katya on the case anymore?
3. What does Nayir say he will do for Katya?
4. Where does Katya take Nayir for clues?
5. What was in the Matterhorn?
6. What else does Nayir find in the dirt?
7. What explanation do they give to the clues they find?
8. Why does Katya invite Nayir to lunch?

**Chapter 21**

1. What is The Big Mix?
2. When Katya goes to the buffet for food, what notable action does Nayir take?
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**Chapter 22**

1. From where does Katya get the DNA samples from the Shrawi men?
2. What was strange/upsetting for Katya when Othman walked through the door?
3. What is the dirt from the zoo a match for?
4. On the blanket, what two DNA matches were there?

**Chapter 23**

1. What item of evidence is the most confusing for Nayir?
2. Where do Muhammad and Nayir go?
3. How would Nouf get to the zoo?
4. Why did Nouf take the pink shoes to the zoo?
5. Why does Muhammad think Othman gave her the key to the private beach?
6. Why did Nouf order the glasses without a prescription?
7. Explain how the private beaches were setup.
8. What major item was inside the cabana?
9. How did he come upon Nouf’s journal?
10. What story does the first entry he reads talk about?
11. What prints does Mutlaq identify on the beach?

**Chapter 24**

1. Who ends up serving Nayir the coffee?
2. What happened on the day that Nayir disappeared?
3. What else was missing aside from the jacket and the other items that you already knew about?

**Chapter 25**

1. What did Nouf write about in her journal?
2. When Nayir reads the page that gives 77 words for love, what does he realize about his own situation?
3. What prints did Mutlaq find at the zoo?
4. In what emotional state does Katya come to the boat?
5. Who is the baby’s father?
6. Why didn’t Nouf use her lover’s name in her journal?

**Chapter 26**

1. What does Nayir now realize about his situation with Katya (pg 264)?
2. In what kind of condition is Abu Tahsin?
3. What did Othman surprisingly find in the back of his closet?
4. Where does Othman take Nayir?
5. Why did Nouf like groupers?
6. Why does Othman think that Abu Tahsin agreed to his marriage to Katya?
7. What had Nouf told Othman that created the argument before she disappeared?

**\Chapter 27**

1. What is jihad?
2. Does Katya think Othman is guilty? Why/Why not?