

THE ART OF  
RACING IN  
THE RAIN  
GARTH STEIN

DISCUSSION GUIDE



# POINT OF VIEW A DOG?

How does Enzo's perspective influence the novel? Is he a typical dog, or is there something special about him? Are his interests his own, or do they stem from those of his family?



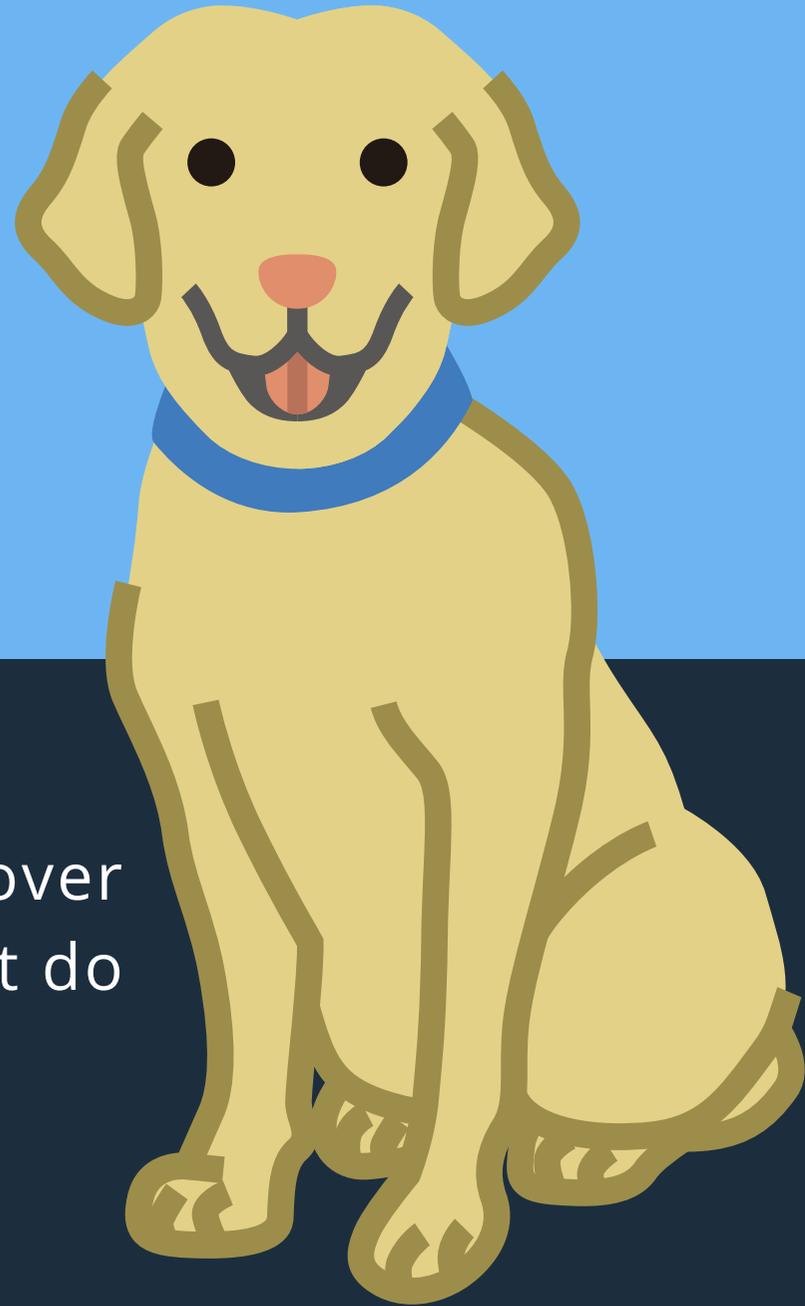


Gestures are all  
that I have;  
sometimes they  
must be grand in  
nature.

ENZO

# ENZO AND EVE?

How does Enzo feel about Eve initially? How does this change over the course of the novel? To what do you attribute this change?





Do you see? I'm  
not afraid of it  
anymore. I wanted  
you with me  
before because I  
wanted you to  
protect me.

EVE

# RACING AS A METAPHOR?



In what ways is life like a race?  
Where are these similarities seen in  
the novel? What is the significance  
of the title

What does Enzo think of riding in a  
race car?

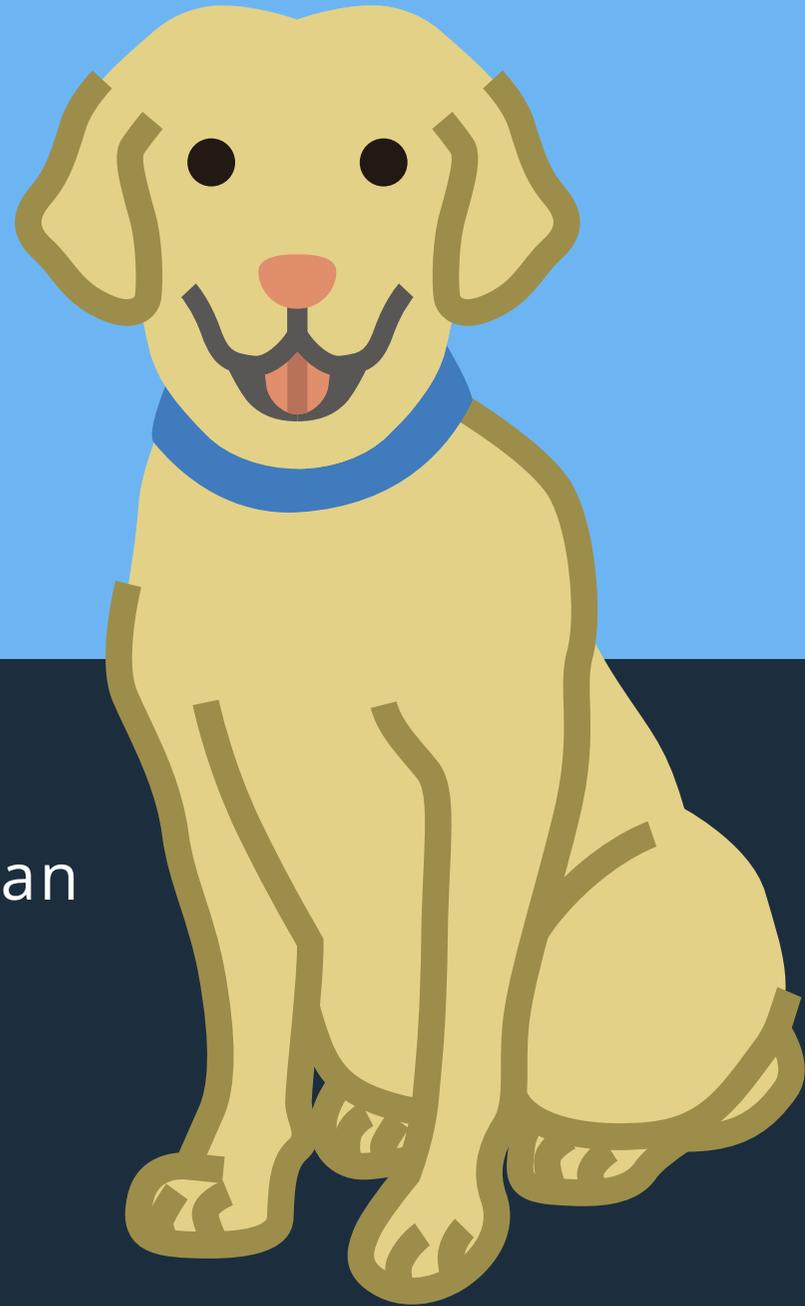


Your car goes  
where your eyes  
go.

ENZO

# WHAT IS WITH THE ZEBRA?

How does Enzo understand evil, pain, and loss? How do the human characters understand these things? Provide examples.



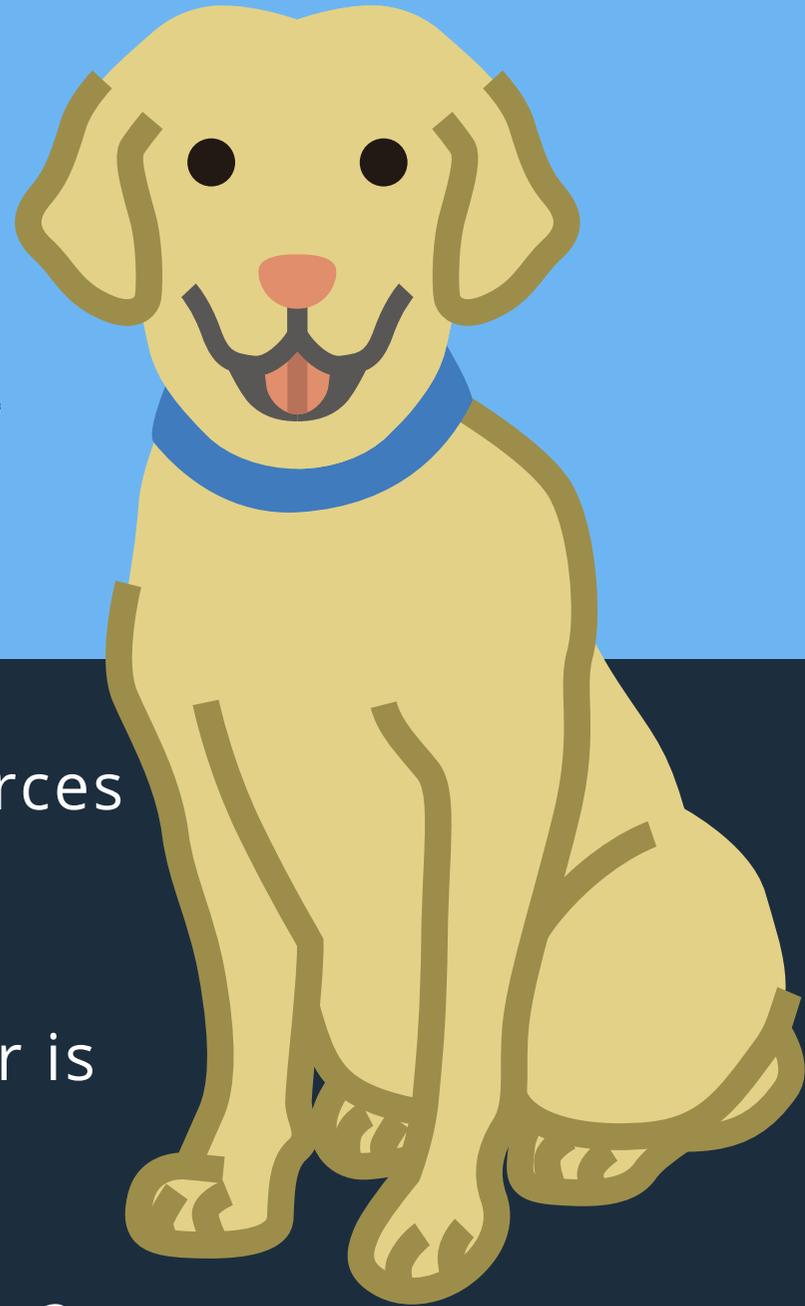


Sometimes bad  
things happen.

Sometimes  
things change.  
And we have to  
change too.

ZOE

# MAXWELL, TRISH, AND ANNIKA?



Why do these characters join forces  
against Denny?

Is this just Enzo's perspective, or is  
it accurate?

What do you think is best for Zoe?



Denny held his hands out in front of himself. They were shaking...He was thinking that if he just had a steering wheel to hold onto..."

ENZO

# WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM ENZO?



Over the course of this novel,  
characters experience both love  
and loss, joy and heartache.

What does Enzo teach us?

What do you make of the epilogue?



One more lap,  
Denny! One more  
lap! Faster!

ENZO



Your son reminds  
me of a good  
friend of mine.

DENNY