



Jon Pepper Books/Book Club Discussion Guide

A TURN IN FORTUNE

In answering the questions below, discuss why you've come to your conclusion.

What drives Robbie's animosity toward Walker Hope? Why?

- Insecurities?
- Jealousy over Walker's success?
- Walker treating Robbie as though they were social equals?
- Walker's "disrespect" toward Robbie?
- A legitimate concern over Walker's business strategy?

Describe the relationship between Robbie and Lindsey.

- Why does she put up with him?
- How does she cope?
- What causes her to push back?

Why is Robbie attracted to Maria?

- What is it about her that made her exciting?
- Why does that change?
- Was Maria's angry response justified?

Why is Robbie so drawn to Natalia?

- What does she represent to him?
- Is he deluding himself that he can win her over?
- How would you characterize her attitude toward him?

Describe the relationship between Robbie and Howie-Do-It.

- Why does Robbie tolerate someone with a very different social status?
- Does Robbie regard Howie as a friend or a useful tool?
- What does Howie get out of the relationship?

Was Tim a good choice for Robbie?

- What made him a viable candidate in Robbie's eyes?
- Was Robbie's judgment correct?

What is Marty's role in the company?

- Is he honest in defending the company?
- What is the line he has to walk between Robbie and Walker?
- Why were Walker and Robbie both upset by the Fortune story? Were they justified?

Why are Walker's office and Robbie's office so different?

- What are the messages they are trying to convey?
- Do they reflect their different attitudes toward the company?

Why does Robbie obsess over Broad Street Blue?

- Because he's the steward over corporate identity?
- Because it's one of the few topics in which he is fully-grounded?