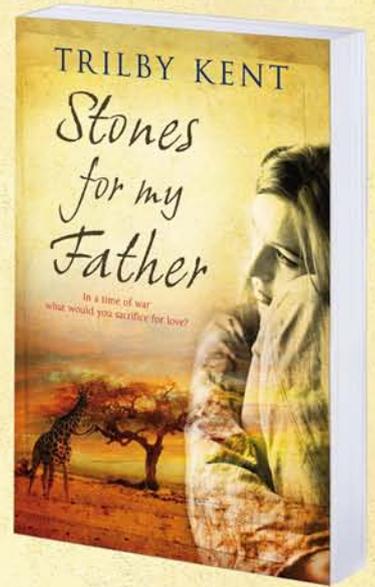




TRILBY KENT

# *Stones for my Father*



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## Reading Group Guide

### Questions for Group Discussion

1. To what extent, if any, did this book affect your view of South Africa and its colonial past?
2. Corlie's mother is a deeply flawed character who makes it nearly impossible for Corlie to love her or feel loved by her. Did she earn your sympathy at any point in the story, and if so, when?
3. Siphho is only an active character in the first half of the novel, although his presence is felt by Corlie throughout her time in the camp. Were you satisfied by the resolution – or lack thereof – to his story?
4. One of the few straightforwardly sympathetic characters in the novel is the Canadian corporal, Malachi Byrne. To what extent does he provide a bridge in Corlie's conflicted relationships with her Boer roots and the English enemy?
5. Biblical references scattered throughout the narrative reflect the staunch Christian faith in which children such as Corlie were raised. What, if anything, do they contribute to her story?
6. There is a wide and rich variety of novels about children surviving against the odds in wartime. Which books stand out for you, and how did *Stones for my Father* compare to them?
7. Are there any characters in *Stones for my Father* whose story you would like to know more about?
8. What do you think happens to Corlie after the novel's end?



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## *Stones for My Father* by Trilby Kent

Individual questionnaire

Tell ALMA BOOKS and the author what you thought of the novel

1. Did you enjoy reading *Stones for My Father*? and why?
2. What aspects of the novel did you enjoy the most?
3. What aspects did you least like?
4. Who are your favorite authors?
5. Are there any questions you would like the author to answer?
6. Would you look forward to reading another novel by Trilby Kent?
7. What is your opinion of the cover of *Stones for My Father*?

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