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Discussion Questions: ***Impulse*** by Frederick Ramsay

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1. Many actions are committed in an impulsive moment. Frank characterized them by gender. Do you agree or disagree?
2. Age was discussed frequently during the story. Many generalizations were made. Do you agree or disagree?
3. We see what we want to see. How does this apply to Frank's wife's disappearance and Barbara and Robert Thompson?
4. On page 101, Dexter talks about a whole way of life disappearing after the Vietnam War. Do you think that's true after every war? What will disappear after the War in Iraq?
5. Dexter's lesson of sobriety is that nothing stays the same. Intoxication allows one to believe nothing changes. Why is he now ready to deal with change?
6. Rosemary tells Frank about her alter ego in chapter 27. Do you think everyone has one as she suggests?
7. How did Parker live with his horrible secret for 25 years?
8. Frank's daughter was very critical of his relationship with Rosemary. Do we owe explanations to our children about our conduct?
9. On page 63, Frank compares the evening's events to four cars speeding toward each other at an intersection, none aware of the other's approach. What are the four events and was the collision spectacular?
10. On page 64, Frank compares people at a reunion as shifting and merging only to separate again like a human lava lamp. Is that how you would describe people at a party?
11. Many characters sought closure in the book. Were they successful in finding it?
12. Frank and Rosemary play the "What if" game. Do you have any "what ifs" you'd like to discuss?