



Discussion Questions:
On Beauty
by Zadie Smith

1. What is the meaning of the title ?
2. How much of what happened to the characters was shaped by their inter-racial marriage ?
3. Why was Kiki at the lecture Howard gave ?
4. Why did Howard have extra-marital affairs ?
5. What were the strengths of the novel from a literary perspective?
6. Did the ending imply that Kiki and Howard would get back together again?

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