

Carey Page Turners December Discussion

A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg



Characters:

- Describe Oswald Campbell at the beginning of the story. How did he come by his name...and how might his naming incident be symbolic of the life he has led (so far)?
- Who are your favorites among the cast of characters and why?
- Did you find the amount of characters manageable or too many to keep straight?
- Healing is a central motif in this novel. Who gets healed in this book—and in what ways? And, more importantly, what enables healing to occur? What is Flagg suggesting about the power of community?
- Can you relate the sense of community in *A Redbird Christmas* to where you live? What are the attractions, or drawbacks, of a tightly-knit group of people? What other types of community are there? In other words, what do we mean by "community"... what makes a community?
- Do you find this book satisfying—is it what you hoped for? Is it too sweet, or saccharine, for your taste? Or is it just right—its sweetness cut by Fannie Flagg's wit? If you've read other works by Flagg, how does this one compare?

Rating: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10