

The Book of Adam

Autobiography of the First Human Clone

* Study Guide - Spoilers *

The Story:

How much are the characters determined by their genes, and how much by the events and occurrences that affect them in their lives?

Why did Sarah let Lyle have a place in their lives, and was she wrong to do it?

What was the meaning of Adam-2's recurring nightmare?

What was the meaning of Adam-2's nightmare the night he first made love to Lily?

Why was Gabrielle Burns fixated on Sarah and Adam?

Why does Aunt Louise like her glass garden?

Why does Evelyn love Adam-2?

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What did Evelyn's backpack represent?

What did Lily's golden locket represent?

What symbolism is found in the names of the various characters?

Why did each Lily cling so tightly to each Adam?

What does the lily symbolize?

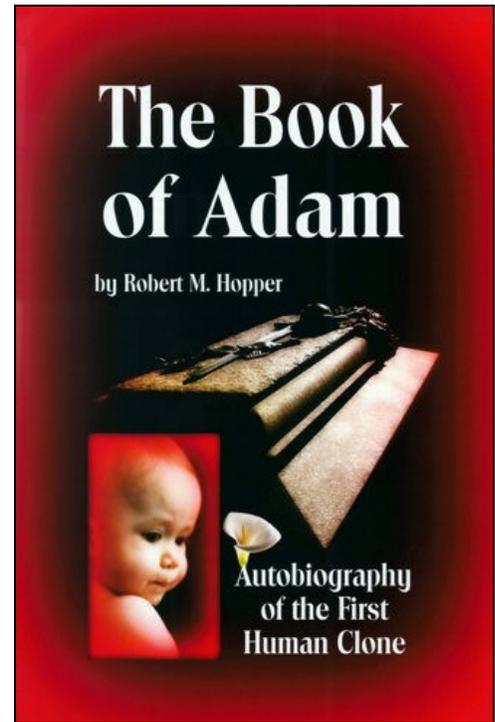
Why did each Lily keep committing suicide?

Why does Evelyn love the stage?

What role did Jack play in Adam-2's life?

How is Adam's adaptation of *Romeo and Juliet* getting a chance to change their fates relevant to the story?

How is Adam's sequel to *Hamlet* relevant to the story?



In Adam-2's nightmare the night he tried to kill Lyle-1, as Adam-2 saw himself placing the gun into Lyle-1's hand and preparing to pull the trigger, why did he see Adam-1 banging on the mirror?

Why does Hannah accept Adam-2 as her son?

Why does Cathode Hepburn believe she should have rights?

In what instances does bigotry play a part in the story?

In what instances does forgiveness play a part in the story?

Was Adam right to blame himself for Lily-3 being taken by Lyle-2?

Why do you think Evelyn didn't die in the explosion at Lyle-2's cryonics facility in Fallbrook?

Do you think Lyle-2 gave Evelyn her genetic disease?

Why did Evelyn die the night of Valentine's Day?

Why did Lyle-2 die?

What was it about life that Adam-2 finally discovered when Evelyn squeezed his hand in the grave, giving him the courage to face death?

Why was Adam-1 prepared to kill Adam-2 and Adam-2's family in the end, and why didn't he?

How does Adam-1's fear of death transform from his youth to the story's conclusion?

How does Adam-2's fear of death transform from his youth to the story's conclusion?

Do Adam-1 and Adam-2 share the same soul?

What is the primary theme of the story?