



*A Matter
of Choice*

Book Club Questions for
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- 1. Compare and contrast the rail service in the late 1940s with today's Amtrack trains.**
- 2. Was racial bias evident on Maria's trip on the Miami Limited in the late 1940s?**
- 3. Why was Maria dreading her visit with her mother and new stepfather?**
- 4. Did Maria's worries about her mother and stepfather dissipate or escalate, once they met?**
- 5. What intrigued and angered Maria about George at their first meeting?**
- 6. Why was George interested in Maria?**
- 7. Did Dean, Winston's chauffeur, have a secret role in Winston's life?**
- 8. What type of work was George engaged in?**
- 9. Did George's WWII experiences influence his personality? If so describe how.**
- 10. What made Maria forget Bill and allow herself to be swept up into George's world?**
- 11. Why did George ask Maria to marry him?**
- 12. Why did Maria agree to marry George after only knowing him for several weeks?**
- 13. What was Dominick Salazar's relationship with George?**
- 14. Why was George upset when he left Dominick's party?**
- 15. What reasons did George have for offering to accompany Maria back to Iowa State University?**
- 16. How did George and Bill bond and why?**
- 17. Did Maria make a mistake leaving Bill?**