

Cynthia Marshall Rich: My Sister's Marriage p. 190-192

1. How did Olive meet the young man?
2. What made her (or him) fall for him (her)?
3. In what ways could Olive be said to be ripe for this love experience (according to what Sarah Ann has already told us) ?
4. Why does Sarah Ann call Olive's affair "an unwholesome deceit" (p.192)?
5. Why did Olive tell Sarah Ann and not her father about the young man?
6. Was it because of love for her sister that Sarah Ann did not tell their father about the whole story – or could you think of another reason?
7. What image does Sarah Ann use about Olive and her boyfriend's holding hands?
Why that particular image?
Why did Olive drop the young man's hand when she caught sight of Sarah Ann?
8. Give the lower half of p. 191 a closer look. What was Sarah Ann's attitude to Mr. Dixon when she met him?
9. What differences does Sarah Ann see when she compares Mr. Dixon and her father '?
10. Give an analysis of the father's reaction to Olive's affair with Mr. Dixon .
11. The father used a word rather similar to a word Sarah Ann also used about this love affair. What word? Why this similarity?