



Book title: The Long Weekend
Author: Savita Kalhan
Genre: Thriller
Key themes: Suspense, bravery, loyalty, stranger danger

Summary:

Sam knows that he and his friend Lloyd made a colossal mistake when they accepted the ride home. They have ended up in a dark mansion in the middle of nowhere with man who means to harm them. But Sam doesn't know how to get them out. They were trapped, then separated. Now they are alone. Will either of them get out alive?

Questions to consider after reading:

1. How does the author build and maintain suspense throughout the novel? Identify specific techniques used to keep the reader engaged.
2. Discuss the theme of resilience and survival as portrayed through the characters of Sam and Lloyd. How do they adapt to their harrowing situation?
3. The book delves into themes of fear and desperation. How do the characters' fears drive their actions, and how do they overcome them?
4. The novel explores the concept of power and control. How does this theme manifest in the relationships between the captors and the captives?
5. Consider the moral dilemmas faced by the characters in the story. Are there any situations where characters are forced to make difficult ethical choices?
6. Discuss the impact of trauma on the characters' lives. How do they cope with the aftermath of their ordeal, and are there any moments of healing or closure?
7. Share your thoughts on the resolution of the story. Did it meet your expectations, and how did it make you feel about the characters' journeys?