

1. This book gives lots of description of modern California life. Which of the things described have you experienced? Which seems the most strange?

February 20

2. How did Ruth and Joel meet?

February 23

3. Ruth talked with Reggie at a gas station. Who was he?

February 25-27

4. What did Ruth and her father buy? Why?

February 28-March 5

5. Who makes Ruth think “born humans”? Why does she think that?

March 6

6. Excerpts of Ruth’s dad’s diary from when Ruth was a child are sprinkled through this book. Why do you think the author did that?

March 12-13

7. Ruth is beginning to worry that she has Alzheimer’s. What causes that worry?

March 14-18

8. What “job” did Ruth and Bonnie do?

March 20-22

9. What did Ruth find while digging through drawers in her parents’ house? How does it change how she sees her parents?

March 23

10. What did Theo and Ruth talk about after class?

March 23- April 4

11. What did Ruth notice about her father? How does it make her feel?

April 3

12. Where do Ruth and her father go? What do they buy?

April 8-9

13. Who does Ruth meet in the grocery store? How has she changed since Ruth last saw her?

April 11-13

14. List some places that they have held their history class? Do you think Ruth's dad might be starting to suspect that it's a fraud?

April 14-16

15. Ruth and Bonnie babysit for Bonnie's boss. What do they do while babysitting?

April 17

16. Why does Ruth prepare a jellyfish feast? Have you eaten jellyfish?

April 18-25

17. Where do they hold class this time? What happens?

April 27-May 1

18. Who do they meet while horseback riding? What happens?

May 11-13

19. How does Ruth know that her father's Alzheimer's is getting worse?

May 15-24

20. Why do Ruth and her mother fight?

21. How do you think Ruth is feeling about living with her parents? What are some things that Ruth did to entertain herself during her visit?