

Discussion Questions for
Tomorrow's Garden
by Amanda Cabot

1. Both Harriet's and Lawrence's lives are shaped by tragic events from the past. What events in your life—either good or bad—have been the most important? How do you think they've changed you?
2. Harriet and Lawrence have very different relationships with their siblings. Do you think those are the result of their birth order? If you have siblings, how has birth order affected your relationship with them? If you have children, do you see the same dynamics in their lives?
3. At times, Harriet seems book-smart but not very wise about other people. Have you known anyone like that? What do you think could make them more aware of others' reactions to them?
4. Harriet's grandmother was an important influence in her life. Do you think she was a positive influence? Why or why not?
5. Harriet sees Frau Friedrich as a substitute for her mother. How does that affect her relationship with Karl?
6. Before the story ends, three different men ask for Harriet's hand in marriage. What does each of her suitors want from her? What do they offer her?
7. Why do you think the parishioners are so unwilling to accept Sterling as their new pastor? Is it simply because they're reluctant to change?
8. Thomas believes he's entitled to many things in life and is unwilling to work for them. Have you met anyone like him? What do you think would change that person?
9. Though she's a successful teacher, Harriet is unable to control Jake. Why do you think that's true? Is there anything she could have done to prevent the destruction of Karl's property?
10. Twice in the book Harriet is deeply angered at Lawrence and refuses to speak to him. What caused each rift between them? Do you think she was justified in her anger? Why or why not?
11. Père Tellier tells the congregation that "the only real peace is

found when we accept God's will." Are there any examples from your life that would prove or disprove that?

12. If the author were to write a fourth Texas Dreams book, are there any characters from either *Tomorrow's Garden* or the previous books that you would like to see in it?

