

**DISCUSSION GUIDE QUESTIONS  
FOR BLOOD MEMORY SOCIETY BY D.A. FIELD**

**I'VE INCLUDED SOME RUDIMENTARY ANSWERS. FILLING IN YOUR OWN ANSWERS WILL  
ADD SOME SPARK SOME INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS.**

**Q. Blood Memory Society Covers a lot of ground— several themes emerge. What are the major themes in Blood Memory Society?**

**A. There are several themes that emerge within the story. The most obvious one deals with the scientific premise of inherited memory. Another theme is secrets—government secrets and family secrets. Other themes --good versus evil. Are there others?**

**Q. The protagonist, Dr. Will Dunbar makes several discoveries during the course of the story, what are they? Which do you feel is the most important one and why?**

**A.**

**Q. Sometimes fact is stranger than fiction. There are many strange truths in the novel. Many of the locations, organizations, and theories really do exist. Here are a few. Can you name more?**

**A. 1) Team X at JPL and the tradition of peanuts 2) The Memory Door at the Library of Congress 3) The fact that many of the world's greatest minds all lived at the same time and breathed the same air 4) The family Civil War diary**

**Q. What role does "Trust" play in this story? Is Will too trusting? What about Victoria?**

**A.**

**Q. What are some of the known scientific facts surrounding inherited memory through DNA?**

**A.**

**Q. Dr. Will Dunbar has many skills and talents and seems to be an all-around good guy. Do you feel he's too good to be true?**

**A.**

**Q. The phrase, "suspension of disbelief" has been defined as a willingness to suspend one's critical faculties and believe something surreal, or sacrificing realism and logic for the sake of enjoyment. What does the book do to help you accept that the premise is "real"?**

**A.**

**Q. Thinking about the characters in the story. Who are some of the characters you came to feel were your favorites. Which character in the story is most believable? Why?**

**A.**

**Q. In Blood Memory Society, author D.A. Field, takes the protagonist Will Dunbar to many different locations, even cross-country. How important are the locales to the story? Cite examples of an action that could only take place in the setting provided by the author.**

**A.**

**Q. There has been a lot of discussion about regional fiction and how it reflects the culture of certain areas of the country. How well does Blood Memory Society represent the Southern Fiction genre? How about the sci-fi genre?**

**A.**

**Q. How did you feel about the book's ending?**

**A.**