



The Mars Room
by Rachel Kushner
Discussion Questions

1. When Romy's crime is revealed, did you feel bad for her? Could she have avoided this incident or was it inevitable?
2. Do you think the author is trying to make any specific arguments about the U.S. justice system?
3. What do you think was going on with Hauser? What did you take away from his character?
4. Do you think this portrayal of a woman's prison is realistic?
5. Gender and sexuality were key themes throughout the book - both as causes of crimes/recidivism and some instances of healing and generosity. What were some instances of each?
6. What did you think of Romy's actions at the end of the book? Was the close of the story satisfying? (www.justusgalsbos.com)

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