



***The Sun Does Shine***  
**by Anthony Ray Hinton**  
**Discussion Questions**

1. Before being wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death, Hinton was in trouble for stealing a car. Does this in any way make you less sympathetic to his plight? Why or why not?
2. What did you think of the friendship of Ray and fellow inmate Henry Hays, who was raised in a family of virulent racists? What does this friendship teach us about love and hate?
3. Do you think the death penalty system is broken? How would you like to see it changed?
4. What was the turning point for Ray in how he would survive prison? What does this teach you?
5. What personal qualities help Ray not only to survive prison but actually make a positive impact around him?

6. What is the role of faith in *The Sun Does Shine*? Does Hinton's questioning of his own faith strengthen or diminish it? What if he had not believed in God at all: Do you think that would have affected his ability to sustain himself?

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