

# ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

## **Candor** by Pam Bachorz

1. Describe the complicated relationship that Oscar has with his father. Do you think Oscar's father loves him? Does Oscar love his father?
2. If you had the option to live in Candor, would you choose to live there? Describe the pros and cons of living in a “perfect” community.
3. Why do you think Oscar is so smitten with Mia? What does he love about her?
4. Oscar has a very complicated relationship with Sherman. Why does he treat him so badly? How do you feel about Sherman and why?
5. Why did Oscar’s dad do everything he could possibly do to erase the memory of his brother?
6. If you were in Oscar’s shoes, would you choose to “reprogram” Mia rather than tell her the truth and help her escape Candor? Why does Oscar feel such guilt over his decision to control her?
7. Creativity and artistic ability are things that get taken away from people in Candor. Why?
8. Do you think that brainwashing to the extent it is portrayed in the book is possible? What would happen if it were?
9. The town is in its first generation of people. What do you think will happen as kids leave to go to college? How would the community function economically if all the residents stayed indefinitely as Oscar’s dad envisions?
10. How did you feel about the book’s ending? If you were the author, how would you choose to end it and why?

