

the WISDOM *of* Yawdy Rum



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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. The main character in *The Wisdom of Yawdy Rum* struggles to balance his work life with his home and personal life. Likewise, the character of Yawdy Rum has struggles of his own, particularly managing his declining health. Do you think these challenges are an accurate representation of the challenges that men and women face in today's society? How do they relate to your own personal situation?
2. The character of Yawdy Rum is an unlikely match for Micheal. What is it about Yawdy that allows Micheal to open up and explore a friendship that would otherwise have not lasted beyond their initial meeting on the airplane?
3. Yawdy Rum is teacher, friend and source of inspiration for Micheal. Who is the Yawdy Rum in your life? Do you believe that if we would open our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to others around us that we might benefit from more people like Yawdy in our daily lives?
4. In the end, Yawdy Rum conveys seven basic steps that Micheal can use to harmonize his life. Can you think of instances in your life where these principles could be effective? Why do you think it's so hard to find the courage to change?
5. Which piece of Yawdy's wisdom did you find most helpful? What, if any, changes are you considering since reading this book?