Reader’s Guide for Paper Cuts

1. The flower baskets for sale at Tea Flowers are arranged by theme based on the Victorian meaning of flowers. Have you ever looked up the meaning or symbolism of your favorite flower? What occasion might call for a deeper understanding of a flower’s meaning?
2. Tucker Walsh is clearly into origami. Why do you think it appeals to him? Is there a hobby you love and feel you’re never outgrow?
3. Estella’s father has finished serving a long prison sentence. If you were to put yourself in his shoes, what would be the most challenging adjustments to reentering society after fifteen years?
4. Were you concerned about the welfare of Nora and Sheriff McCabe’s relationship when she became a person of interest in a murder investigation?
5. June calls Officer Hollowell a “pull-down” woman. Have you encountered someone like this? What’s the best way of dealing with this type of personality?
6. If you stopped by Miracle Books for bibliotherapy, what topic(s) would appeal to you? Do you believe books can be used to solve problems?
7. Paper is an important theme in the novel. Can you cite an example?
8. If you created a window display for the Family Fun Fest, what would it look like?
9. How does the community come together to help Kirk, Val, and Tucker? Have you ever been the recipient of similar kindness? What other kinds of help would benefit this family?
10. Every chapter in Paper Cuts leads off with a quote. Which is your favorite?