



## Discussion Questions

### Truck by Michael Perry

Source: Madison Public Library

1. What aspect of Perry's latest book appealed to you: the truck repair, the romance, the gardening? Did like the structure of three story threads? Did you skip any?
2. While the three story threads are the main focus, Perry digresses to stories about cooking, being an EMT, Irma and International Harvester, and many more. Did you enjoy these digressions or did they detract from the flow of the book?
3. As in his previous book *Population 485*, Perry likes to showcase the ways that small town people are not all cut from the same cloth. Who are some of the locals in this book that are most memorable to you?
4. Some readers think a dictionary beside them is a must while reading Perry. Does his expansive vocabulary impress or infuriate? Or did you even notice it?
5. Are you from a small town? Does that aspect of this book resonate for you? What was different about the small towns you know?
6. How does Perry's vision of his life as a confirmed bachelor change over the course of the book? How does he portray his relationship with Anneliese? With her daughter Amy?
7. Family is very important to Perry, although they all live separate lives. Are there any family related stories that stood out?
8. Generosity of spirit is everywhere in this book—from brother-in-law Mark helping with the truck to Anneliese's family helping with the wedding (and a Fall Creek farm!) Is Perry's detailing these acts of kindness part of the book's charm? What else about the book charms so many readers around America?