

## Short Answer Questions for The Hiding Place

1. Know the following characters or places and what role that they play in the novel: Corrie, Betsie, Kik, Peter, Mien, Jan Vogel, Otto, Rolf, Karel, Smit, Ravensbruck, Pickwick
2. Be able to explain the following quotations and who said them:
  - a. “there is One Who has them always in His sight, Lieutenant Rahms. Jesus is the Light the Bible shows to me, the Light that can shine even in such darkness as yours.”
  - b. “You say we could lose our lives for this child. I would consider that the greatest honor that could come to my family.”
  - c. “All the watches in your closet are safe.”
  - d. “It’s such a beautiful house, Corrie! The floors are all inlaid wood, with statues set in the walls and a broad staircase sweeping down. And gardens! Gardens all around it where they can plant flowers. It will do them such good, Corrie, to care for flowers.”
3. Is this novel an autobiography, fictional narrative, or fictional biography?
4. From what point of view is this story told?
5. Why do Karel and Corrie never marry?
6. Why does Corrie’s father take long trips to Amsterdam?
7. How does Father feel that Jewish people should be treated?
8. Cite two examples that reflect the ten Boom’s devotion to their code of honesty.
9. When does the Gestapo invade the Beje?
10. From whom does Corrie receive the Gospels during her first imprisonment?
11. Explain what Corrie means when she writes “Father Released” on her prison wall.
12. Where is the reading of Father’s will conducted?
13. How does Betsie’s body appear after her death?
14. Why is Corrie released from prison?
15. After the war, who do the former Dutch prisoners have the most trouble forgiving?

## Essay Questions for consideration:

1. Explain why the ten Booms endanger their lives to protect the Jewish people.
2. Foreshadowing is a hint or clue that the author provides to prepare the reader for the later incident. Find two examples of foreshadowing from the novel and explain them.
3. Superficially, Mr. De Vires’ poisoning of his bulldogs may appear cruel. Explain why this is an act of love instead of cruelty.
4. Mien wants Corrie to see Betsie’s body. What does her corpse symbolize?
5. Explain Betsie’s 3 wishes and what significance this has to the novel.