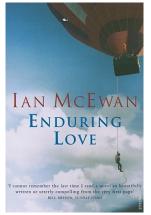


Enduring Love

By Ian McEwan



One windy spring day in the Chilterns Joe Rose's calm, organised life is shattered by a ballooning accident. The afternoon could have ended in mere tragedy, but for his brief meeting with Jed Parry. Unknown to Joe, something passes between them - something that gives birth in Parry to an obsession so powerful that it will test to the limits Joe's beloved scientific rationalism, threaten the love of his wife Clarissa and drive him to the brink of murder and madness.

A tragic masterpiece from Booker prize-winning, *Sunday Times* bestselling Ian McEwan.

Ian McEwan is one of Britain's most inventive and important contemporary writers. Also adapted as a film, his novel *Enduring Love* is a tale of obsession that has troubled and enthralled readers around the world!

Discussion Questions

1.	How appropriate is the title of the novel? Consider your initial thoughts and how
	these were challenged as you progressed through the novel.

2. Did you think, at the beginning, Joe and Clarissa's relationship would reach the crisis point it did?

3. Do you feel any sympathy for Jed Parry?

4.	Did you doubt Joe, as Clarissa and others did? Is Joe delusional and paranoid?
5.	How important are the letters to the novel?
6.	How important is it that McEwan chooses to let us know that Joe and Clarissa are reconciled?
7.	Joe is a science journalist and a logical thinker. Jed is deeply religious. Can science and religion go hand in hand?
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