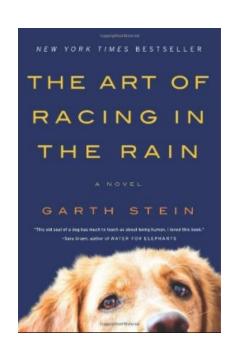
## The Art Of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

- 1. Some early readers of the novel have observed that viewing the world through a dog's eyes makes for a greater appreciation of being human. Why do you think this is?
- 2. Enzo's observations throughout the novel provide insight into his world view. For example:
- "The visible becomes inevitable."
- "Understanding the truth is simple. Allowing oneself to experience it, is often terrifically difficult."
- "No race has ever been won in the first corner; many races have been lost there."



How does his philosophy apply to real life?

- 3. In the book's darkest moments, one of Zoe's stuffed animals --- the zebra --- comes to life and threatens him. What does the zebra symbolize?
- 4. Can you imagine the novel being told from Denny's point of view? How would it make the story different?
- 5. In the first chapter, Enzo says: "It's what's inside that's important. The soul. And my soul is very human." How does Enzo's situation --- a human soul trapped in a dog's body --- influence his opinions about what he sees around him? How do you feel about the ideas of reincarnation and karma as Enzo defines them?
- 6. Do you find yourself looking at your own dog differently after reading this novel?
- 7. In the book, we get glimpses into the mindset and mentality of a race car driver. What parallels can you think of between the art of racing and the art of living?
- 8. The character of Ayrton Senna, as he is presented in the book, is heroic, almost a mythic figure. Why do you think this character resonates so strongly for Denny?