

Study Guide: What Was I Thinking? 58 Bad Boyfriend Stories

Key Themes:

- Red flags in relationships
- Learning from past mistakes
- Female empowerment through shared experiences
- Humor as a coping mechanism

Story Categories:

1. Warning Signs Ignored
2. Communication Failures
3. Family/Friend Interventions
4. Personal Growth Moments

Discussion Questions:

1. How do the authors use humor to process difficult experiences?
2. What common patterns emerge across multiple stories?
3. How does the anthology challenge or reinforce dating stereotypes?
4. Which stories resonate most with modern dating experiences?

Writing Style Analysis:

- First-person narrative perspective
- Confessional tone
- Conversational language
- Self-deprecating humor

Cultural Impact:

- Contribution to dating memoir genre
- Commentary on early 2000s dating culture
- Role of digital media in storytelling (VidLit connection)

Key Takeaways:

1. Trust instincts in relationships
2. Value of learning from others' experiences
3. Importance of maintaining perspective
4. Power of shared narratives

