

Questions for Book Discussion
From a Low and Quiet Sea
by Donal Ryan

1. Ryan starts the first section of his book titled FAROUK about the life of trees. What is he trying to tell us about ourselves in this way?
2. From what had FAROUK tried to protect his family? What were his options? How did it all turn out?
3. What are Lampy's flaws? How did he feel about himself because of them?
4. Give some details about John's childhood and family life.
5. Does Ryan tie the three stories together and how does he do that ...?
6. Which of the three stories is your favorite? Could each of these be a novel by itself?
7. Ryan is a prize-winning author and considered an important new novelist in Ireland. How does he compare to other authors we've read such as Maeve Binchy and Jean Grainger? On a scale from 1 to 10 (10 being the best) what is your ranking of this book?
8. Ryan uses lots of run-on sentences (very little punctuation). What effect does this have on you? Is his writing style easy to read or difficult? Does it have value?