

## Discussion Questions for *Columbine* by Dave Cullen

(some questions take or adapted from <http://www.oprah.com/omagazine/Columbine-by-Dave-Cullen-Reading-Guide>)

1. Did you like the book? Why or why not? Are you glad you read it?
2. Do you remember how you heard about the Columbine massacre? What were your initial thoughts?
3. How does the author build and maintain suspense and mystery in the book when readers may know—or think they know—the outcomes or details of the book's events? Did you like how the narrative, or would you have preferred a chronological retelling?
4. Do you think this book glorifies Eric and Dylan and perpetuates the legend that they wanted to leave behind?
5. Why is it important that books like *Columbine* be written and read? Who should read this book?
6. As you read the book, what surprises did you encounter (if any)? Were you surprised by anything that you learned from the book?
7. If you were able to meet the killers' parents, what would you want them to know? If you could meet anyone described in the book, who would you want to meet and what would you say to them?
8. Which, if any, of the people mentioned in the book do you consider to be heroes? Which were scapegoats? Were there more than two people responsible for the killings?
9. Does this book have any relevance to the state of things in the United States today, and if so, what?
10. Has anyone had any experiences that relate to places or experiences in the book?
11. Do you have unanswered questions? If the author were here, what would you ask him?
12. Are there other questions you would like to ask or comments you would like to make?