

Ship Captain's Daughter

GROWING UP ON THE GREAT LAKES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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How did Lewis' father's career as a ship captain affect their relationship? How did this change as she grew older?

Lewis attributes "the call of the water" to her father's life as a ship captain. Have you ever been drawn to something in a similar way?

As a child, Ann Lewis became familiar with the everyday life of ships on the Great Lakes. From what she has described, could you see yourself being a part of ship life?

Lewis' mother had a newspaper article written about her life as a ship captain's wife, and agreed only under the assumption that the article wouldn't romanticize the lifestyle. In this memoir, did Ann Lewis romanticize the story of a ship captain's family? If so, how?

Describe Lewis's writing style. Does it fit with the memoir genre?



Was there a passage or recollection that struck you as memorable? Why?

Lewis' father might never have become a ship captain if he hadn't grown up next to Lake Superior. How does your landscape or hometown shape you?

Why did Ann Lewis write *this* memoir?

