

Unpacking *Boxes*

Relationships Discussion Guide

1. How do these relationships change throughout the novel?

Relationship	Description and Dynamics
Tim and Masterman	
Tim and CEO King	
Tim and Angelica	
Tim and Dante	
Tim and Ricardo	
Tim and Eva	
Angelica and Dante	
Angelica and Bella	
Angelica and Gia	
Angelica and Rosalinda	
Dante and Bella	
Hunter and Tim	
Bella and Johnny	
Bella and Peter	
Bella and Rosalinda	

2. Which of the above relationships do you relate to most, and why?

3. Which kinds of external forces influence each relationship most? What influences the quality and dynamics of your closest relationships?

4. What are the differences between Angelica and Tim in their personalities and views of life? How do these differences affect their relationship with each other and with those around them?

5. Many types of relationships are explored in *Boxes*: professional, marital, father/daughter, mother/daughter, extended family, friend, and lover. In what ways are these relationships between characters fulfilling or dysfunctional? How do they interrelate?