

Title: A Suitable Boy.

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Issue: Family pressure vs. conscience

Relation

to book: Rasheed must decide between what his conscience tells him to do or what his father tells him to do. Should he cheat an old hardworking family man out of his home & work because his father is greedy?

Importance: Almost everyone has to deal w/ family pressure at some point in their lives, but how do they do it? In this case, how would I stand up to my father and tell him that I am not cheating an old, frail man out of his livelihood even if that's how things are done and how they've always been done. I wouldn't be able to look myself in the mirror or sleep at night. But at the same time I would feel incredibly guilty over disappointing my parents who are only looking out for my best interests. They would never ask me to do something that wasn't good for me. At what point, then, do

you become your own person?

We can't agree with our parents on everything, but if we disagree, we should know how to express it to them fairly openly, and respectfully because they, as our parents deserve nothing less.

Generational issues that every parent and child deal with are hard enough.