

MRS. GOTTLEIB (Gordon's mother)

We're not religious. Our name means God-loving in German but we're not German anymore. Hermia chose a Catholic Mass for Gordon because she likes to kneel and get up. I did not raise my children with any religion. Perhaps I should have. Certain brands of guilt can be inculcated in a secular way but other brands of guilt can only be obtained with reference to the metaphysical. Gordon did not experience enough guilt. Dinner will be served at seven. Do you eat meat?

(JEAN: Um—kind of.)

Good. We'll be having large quantities of meat. I'm a little anemic, you know. I eat a large steak every day and it just goes right through me.