

Book Club Questions

LET ME LIE

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1. How much of Anna's reaction to the truth about her parents was affected by the fact that she had just had her first baby? In what ways might having children alter the way we see relationships with our own parents?
2. Do you think Anna was in the dark about her parents' issues because they hid them well? Or was Anna in denial and only seeing what she wanted to see? Do you think children are blind to their parents' flaws? How would you feel if you discovered someone important to you had been lying?
3. To trust or not to trust – that is the question. With red herrings abound and a mysterious third point of view, did you ever suspect the true antagonist? What clue had you figuring it out or what false lead made you think it was someone else?
4. Mental health is a strong theme throughout the book. How do the characters – Anna, Billy, Sarah – respond differently in times of stress or mental illness? Do you think there is still stigma surrounding mental illness in our society?
5. Caroline claims her choices were made to protect Anna and Ella. As humans, are we ever justified in our actions if they are made for love or for protection?
6. In what ways do you think Murray's relationship with his wife, Sarah, made him sympathetic to Anna's case?
7. What do you make of the letter Anna receives at the end of the book? What do the last three lines mean? What do you think could happen now?

