

# Questions for your book club

(contains spoilers)

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- 'Not everybody wants to be somebody, some people just want to be someone else.' Aimee confesses to being shy, so why has she chosen to live a life in the spotlight?
- Did you enjoy the style of writing? Have you got any favourite quotes from the book?
- Did you believe that Aimee didn't know what had happened to her husband at the start of the novel, when Ben's things were missing from the house?
- 'I do what Maggie tells me to do, because I've learned that bad things happen to me when I don't.' Aimee loved Maggie by the end of the childhood chapters, despite the bad things. Why do you think that was? Do you think she was happy living with Maggie and John?
- Which parts of the novel shocked you the most? The childhood chapters or Aimee's story in the present? Did you enjoy the different timelines?
- What was your favourite twist in the novel?
- If you were one of the characters in this book, with whom would you most relate and why?
- 'Spell promises, it says, and then it reads out each letter as I type them on to the screen.

## **LIES**

That is incorrect, spell promises.'

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There were several Eighties references in the childhood chapters: Rainbow Brite, She-Ra, *Story Teller* magazine, Fisher Price toys, Speak & Spell, *The NeverEnding Story*, Cagney & Lacey, penny sweets. Did you spot any others, and did they bring back any memories of your own?

- Who is the real villain of this story? Maggie? John? Ben? Jack? Alicia? Jennifer Jones? Or Aimee herself?
- The person behind it all had been calling herself Maggie and dressing up as Aimee for a very long time. Why were they so angry, and what did they really want?
- We learn that Aimee had a very difficult childhood. Does it make you understand her and forgive the behaviour of the woman she has become?
- Many of the characters in the novel were pretending to be someone or something they were not. Can you remember them all? Isn't that something we are all guilty of from time to time? What other themes did you spot while reading?
- How does this novel compare to others you have read in the genre? Have you read Alice Feeney's previous novel, *Sometimes I Lie*? If so, which of her books did you enjoy most and why?
- Do you think that Aimee really did know the true identity of her husband all along?
- Let's talk about that ending!