



SHADES OF SILENCE

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *SHADES OF SILENCE*

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*In order to provide reading groups with the most thought-provoking questions possible, it is necessary to reveal important aspects of the plot of this novel. If you have not finished reading *Shades of Silence*, we respectfully suggest that you wait before reviewing this guide.*

1) OVERALL

Would you recommend *Shades of Silence* to a friend? Why or why not?

2) LOSS & GRIEF

In this book, Julianna loses her parents to a car accident and her husband's plane goes missing. What did you notice about the way she processes her grief? Have you been in her situation—losing a parent or a spouse?

3) HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING

We learn about the myths and realities of sex trafficking and ways to spot a child in danger. What else did you learn about domestic minor sex trafficking in this novel?

4) FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When we first meet Brittany, she is trespassing and swearing. Once you learn about her background, do your feelings about her change?

5) MISSING PERSON

Do you know anyone who is dealing with a missing person's case? How has it affected his/her life and family?

6) DNA & PATERNITY TESTING

Julianna uses a paternity test to find out if Jasper is Michael's son. Have you ever done a similar test – for paternity or ancestry? What did you learn?

7) HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

We follow Detective Grant through the process of a homicide investigation. What did you learn about how an investigation is conducted?

8) GUNS & SHOTGUNS

Have you ever been to a shooting range or shot a shotgun? If not, is it something you'd like to try? Why or why not?

9) ENDING

Were you surprised by the ending? What different ending could you imagine for this book? What other elements of the book surprised you?

10) MOVIE CASTING

If *Shades of Silence* were made into a movie, who would you cast for Julianna, Grant, Samantha, Alex, Jasper and Michael?