

READING GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Morley tries to help her little sister adjust to using hearing aids. What do you think of her method? Will it help?
2. Daisy has been gradually losing her hearing for some time. Do you think it's unlikely that all the adults in her life – a family member, a friend, a teacher, her doctor – would miss the signs of Daisy's journey into deafness? Why do you think it wasn't caught sooner?
3. Does Danny spoil Daisy? Or do you think he's as good a father as he can be in the limited amount of time he can spend with his daughter?
4. Should Sam have told Morley and Jayden she was moving to Hawaii? If so, how and when?
5. Morley has a real sense of let-down after Christmas. Do you think that's just a part of big celebrations, events or holidays? There's all the anticipation and preparation, then enjoying the event, then afterwards. Is there a way to prevent post-event depression?
6. Many mothers suffer post-partum depression. Did you think this is also true of Aoife, after having Lily?
7. Though they are no longer together, Danny is involved in Daisy's and Lily's lives – but less so in Aoife's and Morley's. What do you think of his relationship now with his ex and her oldest daughter?
8. Eira abruptly changes the plan for the Girlfriend Weekend in New York with Morley without giving any explanation about why. Do you agree with how Eira handled this situation? Is there anything you would have done differently, in her place?

Reading Group Questions – Secrets And Lies

9. Would you say that Morley's Aunt Sorcha is cold or is she simply practical and straight-forward?
10. How does Gus try to help Morley cope with a major disappointment? Does it help?
11. There are many secrets in this story. Do you think all families have secrets? Are secrets generally a good thing, or not? What damage can secrets do?
12. Of all the secrets in this story, do you think some of them are necessary? If so, which ones?
13. Some of the secrets in this story are also lies. Which, do you think, is the most damaging and why? Are there any that you think are 'good' lies, or told for a good reason?
14. Do you believe Danny's story, that he's an undercover police officer? Is Morley right to be skeptical?
15. Did Danny use the Star family as a part of his job, or try to do his job while protecting them?
16. Morley ghosts Sam. Do you agree with her reasons? Would you have done the same?
17. Patrick quits university to follow his passion, boarding, breeding and training horses. Jayden plans to quit high school to do the same. If you were their parents, would you agree, or disagree, with your sons doing this? Why?
18. As the eldest child, Morley has a lot of responsibilities at home. Do you think she has too many, for her age? Is Aoife off-loading her own parenting responsibilities onto Morley? What do you think of Aoife as a parent?

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19. Sam adores Margaret but Morley doesn't trust her. Why?
20. What secrets does Morley keep? What lies does she tell? Why?
21. Should Aoife have told Morley about her father sooner? Is there a 'right' time to tell a child about her true identity?
22. Who was your favorite character in this story, and why? Who is your least favorite?
23. Did how you feel about any character in this story change by the time you got to the end of the book? If so, who and why?