

DEAD of SUMMER

Book Club Questions

- Did the opening chapter make you want to read more?
- Would you have gone into Cecily Townes' home when you saw that broken glass?
- Do you believe that the police should treat every missing child as the victim of foul play? Do you have any experience as a runaway yourself – or know a teen who ran away from home? What was the reason for leaving?
- The goal of today's foster care system is to reunite a child with the parents whenever possible? Do you believe there are circumstances when the child should not be returned to the parents?
- Would you have helped the girl who approached Alexa at the reception and asked her to get her out of the foster care facility? Why or why not?
- Alexa is a strong advocate for women's rights, but she doesn't always reflect that strength in her own actions. Do you view Alexa more as a strong, decisive woman or a passive victim? Why?
- Jack Nash and the Quinn Huttons (both father and son) get away with horrible crimes for many years. Does money and respectability deter the authorities – and others – from suspecting people of a crime?
- Did you think the sex trafficking plot was realistic? What is your understanding of the prevalence of sex trafficking in the United States?
- Could it happen in your community?
- Would you take a trip to Thailand and India with Melissa to photograph victims of human trafficking?
- Imagine running through the dark fields at night to escape men with guns. What characteristics of her personality give Alexa the strength to run for freedom and not just give up?
- The parallel story about Woodstock takes the reader back to the hippie era and its days of peace and music. For those of a certain age -were you a hippie? For younger readers - could you embrace that counterculture lifestyle?
- What was your response to the ending?

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