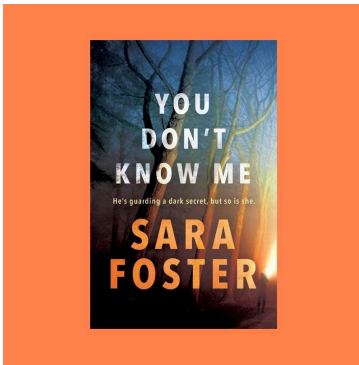


BOOK GROUP QUESTIONS



1. What did you think happened to Lizzie Burdett over the course of the story? How did the author play out the different tensions and possibilities?
2. Discuss Noah's role in the Carruso family. How sympathetic are you towards the situation he's in?
3. Alice could be seen as 'running away' from her problems. Do you think she was empowered by her decision to leave Australia?
4. How did you feel about the sibling relationship between Noah and Tom?
5. One of the strongest themes of the book is shame. Discuss how this plays out in the novel. How do the characters handle their feelings of shame? What might this mean for them in future?

6. The author chose to weave a podcast through the story. Why do you think she did this? Does it remind you of any real crime podcasts?

7. A lot of the criminal incidents are told in retrospect. Why do you think the author chose to tell the story this way? How does it affect the story?

8. What do you think Alice and Noah offer each other (or don't offer) in their relationship? How do you feel about them as a couple?

9. Noah didn't tell anyone about some of the events on the night Lizzie disappeared. Do you understand his reasons, or do you think he should have come forward? Likewise, do you understand Alice's reasons for keeping her own secrets?

10. What do you imagine the future holds for these characters?

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