

Leaving Haven

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READING GROUP GUIDE

1. Can you understand why Georgia chose to leave Haven behind in the hospital? Do you agree with her choice? Would you have done the same thing?
2. Alice and John do a terrible thing in having an affair. Can you understand why it happened? Do you like Alice and/or John? Could you forgive either one of them?
3. If you were Georgia, do you think you would ever be able to renew your friendship with Alice? Under what conditions? Does Georgia “owe” Alice any level of special consideration because of her role as an egg donor?
4. Do you think Alice and Duncan stay together? Why or why not?
5. John and Alice both betray Georgia. Which betrayal is more significant? Why?
6. At one point, Alice realizes that she “had done this terrible thing, but she knew herself in a different way now. It was as though, in failing herself and Duncan and Georgia, she had gained the compassion that completed her as a full human being.” Do you think our mistakes can make us more compassionate? Why or why not?
7. Georgia’s desire for another child is so intense that it colors much of her life, and even affects her marriage. Can you relate to/understand her longing to have a baby? How does Georgia’s longing for another baby impact her family aside from the affair?
8. Does the book have a hero/heroine? Who? Why?
9. What should Haven be told about his origins? When? What should Liza be told? And Wren? Does Haven have two sisters, or one? Should a child born through an egg donation have the rights to information about his or her biological parent when he/she becomes an adult?