

The Idea Of You by Robinne Lee

Book Club Discussion Questions

1. The age gap between Solene and Hayes is a central theme. How did this dynamic influence your perception of their relationship? Did it feel empowering, exploitative, or something else entirely?
2. Solène grapples with the concept of "the female gaze" throughout the novel. How does Lee portray this concept, and how does it differ from the traditional "male gaze" in fiction?
3. Discuss the portrayal of fame and celebrity culture in the book. Did it feel realistic? Did it make you sympathize with Hayes' situation?
4. Solène is a divorced mother with a complicated relationship with her daughter, Leah. How did their dynamic affect your understanding of Solène's choices?
5. Hayes is a complex character, both young and seemingly mature. Find specific examples in the text that illustrate both sides of his personality.
6. The book explores the intersection of love, desire, and responsibility. How do these themes play out in Solène and Hayes' relationship?
7. Did you find the ending of the novel satisfying? Was it realistic, or did you wish for a different outcome for the characters?

8. Compare and contrast Solène's initial perception of August Moon with her feelings about the band by the end of the story.
9. Would you consider Solene's choices to be selfish or selfless? Discuss the challenges she faces in prioritizing her own happiness.
10. The Idea of You has been categorized as a romance novel with some darker elements. How would you classify the genre of the book? What elements define it for you?