Book Club Questions
Someone Else's Husband by Kimberly McCreight

Icebreaker Question:
Do you think it's possible to know someone completely, even after years of marriage, or does everyone keep a part of themselves hidden?

1. Did you enjoy the dual perspectives of Frankie and Gretchen? How did hearing both women's stories shape your understanding of events? Did you find one narrator more believable than the other?

2. Did the format of the book-a mix of legal transcripts, journals, and different timelines-add to the suspense, or did it complicate the mystery?

3. How did McCreight make both Gretchen and Frankie relatable? Did your feelings about either woman change as the story progressed?

4. Gretchen and Frankie come from very different social and economic backgrounds. How does wealth influence their choices, their sense of security, and their ability to escape consequences?

5. To what extent does Gretchen choose not to see the truth about her marriage? Is there a difference between trusting Someone and deliberately ignoring warning signs?

6. How does the Kilimanjaro climb, where the characters are removed from their everyday lives and social protections, expose their true personalities?

7. Do you think Richard's decision to clean up the blood at Frankie's studio to protect his wife was noble but misguided, or was it selfish?

8. Does Brooks seem more dangerous because of his polite demeanor or because of his sense of entitlement? What do his attempts to win Gretchen back reveal about his understanding of love?

9. Were you able to guess Brooks's involvement or what happened to Van on the mountain? Which revelations surprised you the most?

10. Was the destruction of Gretchen's marriage necessary for her to finally choose truth and personal ambition over comfort and willful ignorance?

11. Why did Frankie hide Brooks's body instead of calling the police? How does her choice raise questions about whether the justice system is fair?



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12. What does it mean for Noah to help Frankie, and what does this say about their friendship? Would you help your best friend hide something wrong? How do you stay loyal while avoiding illegal or questionable situations?

13. Was Noah's decision to protect Frankie fair to his husband, Max? What does his choice reveal about the competing obligations of friendship and marriage?

14. The novel ends with Gretchen beginning law school and Frankie adopting a new identity. Do these endings represent true self-liberation? Is Frankie's new life a tragic exile or a triumphant reclaiming of her freedom?

15. Does the ending offer a satisfying sense of justice for Frankie and Van, or does the cover-up leave you with a cynical impression of what wealth and privilege can hide?

Bonus Question: What is the significance of the title Someone Else's Husband? Did its meaning change for you as the story unfolded?

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