

## The Women by Kristin Hannah Discussion Questions

1. The title, "The Women," refers to multiple characters. Discuss how the novel portrays women's experiences during the Vietnam War, both on the battlefield and at home.
2. Frankie's decision to enlist is heavily influenced by the "family hero wall" at her house. How does this concept evolve throughout the story, and how does Frankie's relationship with her father change?
3. The Vietnam War is a constant backdrop in the novel. Did the portrayal of the war and its impact on the characters feel realistic?
4. Frankie grapples with PTSD upon returning home. How does the novel depict the challenges veterans, particularly women, faced in receiving help?
5. Love and relationships play a significant role in Frankie's life. Compare and contrast her relationships. How do these relationships shape her journey?
6. The generational divide is evident between Frankie and her parents. How do their contrasting views on war and societal expectations shape the narrative?
7. The theme of resilience is strong in the novel. How do the different characters demonstrate strength in the face of adversity?
8. The Vietnam War was a very controversial conflict. Did the novel explore the anti-war sentiment of the time? How were these viewpoints portrayed?
9. Secrets and lies play a part in the plot. How do these hidden truths affect the characters and their relationships?
10. The ending offers a sense of hope and healing. What did you think of the resolution for Frankie and the other characters? Did it feel satisfying?