

# Five Winters

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## Book Club Questions

- *Five Winters* is told over a period of five years and is divided into five parts, returning to the same time of year – winter – at the beginning of each part. How effective do you think this structure was?
- How did the author bring you up to date with developments occurring at different times of the year?
- Did this structure remind you of any other books you've read, or films you've seen?
- What scene has stuck with you the most?
- During the book, Beth, the narrator, pursues her dream of becoming a mother in a variety of ways. Could you relate to Beth? What is your opinion of her decision-making?
- Choose three words to describe Beth's character.
- Beth's friendship with Rosie is very important to her even though they're very different. How was their closeness illustrated in the book?
- What have you done to make a dream come true in your own life?
- The author is open about wanting to make readers laugh and cry when they read her books. Do you think she was successful in this goal with *Five Winters*?
- If you could ask the author anything, what would it be?
- Many readers have highlighted this sentence while reading the book: *Everyone was vulnerable beneath the surface. Some people just hid it better than others.* Do you agree with this statement?
- How did the book impact you?
- Would you want to read another book by this author?