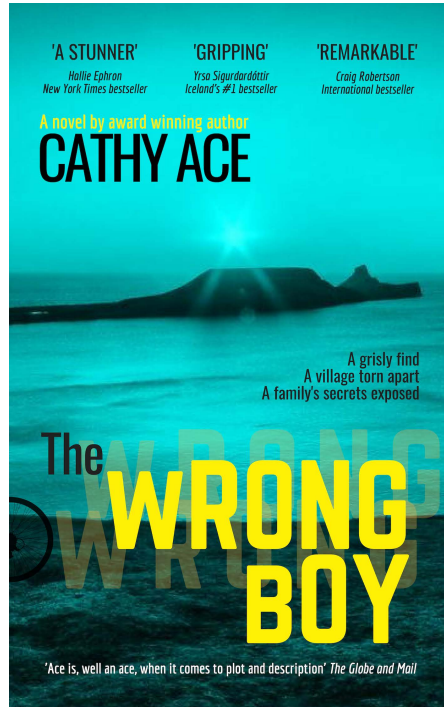


BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

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QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION POINTS - WRITTEN WITHOUT SPOILERS!

- 1) This book raises some challenging questions about keeping secrets - both within families and within communities. "White lies" vs "devastating information" is something that can be considered; when is it okay to lie? What should we never lie about? Do you lie? Why? Why not? Where do you draw the line for "privacy"?
- 2) Small, seemingly innocuous, actions and decisions can have what we often refer to as "unforeseen consequences". Do you think there's any real way Nan, Helen or Sadie could have foreseen all consequences of their actions? What might they have done that they didn't do? What might they have not done that they did?
- 3) Domestic abuse, in all its psychological and physical forms, is usually not spoken about within families, or even within small, close-knit groups. Why do you think that is? What help is available for women suffering abuse in your community? Is it sufficient? Is it well-publicized?

- 4) Online, or in-person, stalking is something most people haven't had to deal with. Do you think this is changing in today's "connected" world? How can we deal with it - personally, and on a societal basis?
- 5) The relationships between Nan, Helen and Sadie are what some might call "strained" and others might call "normal". Do you know of families where dysfunction actually functions? Where it might cross the line into true dysfunctionality? What's the difference?
- 6) Evan Glover is feeling the pain of retirement. If you have retired, or know someone who has, how did you/they deal with that transition? What impacts did it have on your/their life and the lives of those around them? Are Evan's responses natural?
- 7) Betty Glover has decided to continue working as a psychotherapist for some time after her husband's retirement. Good idea? Bad? Why?
- 8) Dealing with retirement as a couple - advice from life? Advice from others? Do you think your age/closeness to retirement will/does change these responses?
- 9) Welsh history goes back for millennia, is rich, and intermingled with mythology. Yes, human remains from 35,000 years ago have been found in Paviland, on the Gower peninsula in south Wales. How do you think such a length of human habitation affects an area, and its people? Maybe do a bit of "googling" about neolithic tombs in Wales etc?
- 10) **And the big one...**mother-daughter relationships: this book tackles this tremendously knotty issue head on. As you feel able, discuss how your own experiences have provided support/undermined / moulded you at different points in your life.