



BOOK CLUB KITS

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

MAD HONEY BY JODI PICOULT & JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

- 1) Let's first discuss the book's title, Mad Honey. Why do you think this was chosen? What does it represent to the story as a whole?
- 2) We read the story from the perspectives of Olivia and Lily. Why was it important to feature their viewpoints? In what ways are they similar?
- 3) Olivia left behind an abusive marriage to raise her son, Asher, in her hometown in New Hampshire. She decided to keep Asher in the dark about his father's true nature. Why did Olivia want to keep that a secret?
- 4) Lily's story is told backwards. Why do you feel the authors chose to tell her story in this way?
- 5) As the trial is underway, a key fact is revealed: Lily was transgender. What were your thoughts as you read this? Were you surprised or did you already know?
- 6) How did this reveal change everything for not just the trial but all the characters?
- 7) We read about Lily's past and it's a hard one between her father's abuse when he finds out the truth about her identity to the cruelty of her classmates. Let's discuss Lily's journey.
- 8) There's a focus on the cycle of abuse. Asher is quite complicated but does show anger issues like his father. Did you believe that Asher murdered Lily or did you think it was someone else?
- 9) There's so many themes to pick up on: identity, acceptance, the cost of lies. Which themes stuck out to you the most?
- 10) The authors said that Jodi wrote most of Olivia's perspective while Jennifer, who is transgender, wrote Lily's. Let's talk about the importance of representation in this story. What are your thoughts overall on the writing?