



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

The Women by Kristin Hannah

1. “The women had a story to tell, even if the world wasn’t quite ready to hear it, and their story began with three simple words. We were there.” Were you aware of the service women in the war in Vietnam?
2. What do you think about Frankie’s romantic partners? Which were the best or worst?
3. Were you familiar with the poor treatment of Vietnam Veterans after they returned from the war? What do you think about it?
4. How did Frankie’s morals change throughout the book? How did her view of America, and right and wrong, change?
5. There was a huge generational gap in how Frankie and her parents dealt with grief and trauma. How did this affect Frankie in her healing process? Do you think current generations still have this gap?
6. “The question was, how? How did you get through grief, how did you want to live again when you couldn’t imagine what that life could be, how you could be happy again?” There is a lot of grief and tragedy in this story. What touched you the most?
7. What did you think about Ethel and Barb, and their friendship with Frankie? How did their relationship contrast with others in the book?
8. How does the “heroes wall” in Frankie’s childhood home influence Frankie’s decisions? How does it reflect her father’s and society’s views on women, and what it means to be a hero?

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to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Kristin Hannah is the award-winning and bestselling author of more than 20 novels including the international blockbuster, *The Nightingale*, which was named Goodreads Best Historical fiction novel for 2015 and won the coveted People's Choice award for best fiction in the same year. Additionally, it was a selection of the Reese Witherspoon Book Club in 2023. It was named a Best Book of the Year by Amazon, iTunes, BuzzFeed, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Paste*, and *The Week*. In 2018, *The Great Alone* became an instant *New York Times* #1 bestseller and was named the Best Historical Novel of the Year by Goodreads. A former attorney, Hannah lives in the Pacific Northwest.

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