

## READING GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What lies (or "stories") does Evie tell over the course of the novel? Why does she lie?
2. What do you think Evie's reaction to Zabet's death would have been if she'd known her well? If she hadn't known her at all?
3. Do you think Evie's friendship with Hadley is a good friendship or a bad one? Why?
4. How is this story like or unlike a typical mystery?
5. Mr. McCabe reaches out to Evie and Hadley to learn more about his daughter. What did Evie and Hadley want to get out of their meetings with Mr. McCabe?
6. Hadley claims, "It was me." at the end of the book. How much responsibility should she have for Zabet's death?
7. Evie's mother was pretty and popular as a teenager, the opposite of Evie. How aware are we of our parent's expectations of us? Do we change ourselves to make them happy?
8. Discuss how Zabet's responsibility may have contributed to her murder? Can a murder victim ever be held responsible for their own murder?
10. Why did Hadley lead Jonah into the woods?
11. The title of *The Space Between Trees* comes from a line near the end of the story. What other meanings does this title have



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