

What Remains Unsaid

Book Group Discussion Questions

1. Was Ginny a product of her era? Would she have made different choices if she had been born in the 1980s or 1990s instead of in the 1950s? Do you think she was irresponsible?
2. What is the basis of Ginny and Nora's friendship? Would Ginny like to have been more like Nora, and vice versa?
3. Did Ginny do everything she could have to reach Sean? What responsibility, if any, does she bear for what happens to him as an adult?
4. In college, "Ginny began living as if her real self were a shadow standing behind the self everyone else saw." How does this pattern affect her life and her relationships?
5. Why did Ginny treat Keith the way she did when they were teenagers and young adults? What changed by the end of the book?
6. How do family patterns repeat themselves? What did Eve do to break the cycle?
7. Can sharing stories bring people closer? Why does it take an act of desperation for Sean and Ginny to talk to each other? Would things have turned out differently if they had been able to communicate better?
8. What kept Keith interested in Ginny for so many years? How would the story have changed if Keith had acted sooner to find Ginny? If he had found out the truth about Sean sooner?
9. How do the section titles—*Happiness, Friendship, True Love, Betrayal, Forgiveness*?—relate to the story in each section?
10. What happens to Ginny and Keith after the book ends?

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