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Johnston Public Library Book Discussion Questions

Conviction by Denise Mina

Summary

It's just a normal morning when Anna's husband announces that he's leaving her for her best friend and taking their two daughters with him.

With her safe, comfortable world shattered, Anna distracts herself with someone else's story: a true-crime podcast. That is until she recognizes the name of one of the victims and becomes convinced that only she knows what really happened.

With nothing left to lose, she throws herself into investigating the case. But little does she know, Anna's past and present lives are about to collide, sending everything she has worked so hard to achieve into freefall.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you read any Denise Mina novels before? Did *Conviction* remind you of any other books, TV shows or films?
2. At the start of the novel, Anna is shattered by the discovery that her husband is leaving her for her best friend. How does she change as the story progresses? Did your feelings about her change too?
3. As Anna begins her investigation, elements of her life before her marriage are revealed. Did you find any of these revelations surprising, and why?
4. The title, *Conviction*, could refer to getting justice for the family who died in the sunken yacht, or to Anna's conviction that she can solve the crime. How much do you believe Anna as a narrator: is she reliable?
5. Do you have a favorite quote from the book? Why do you think it stood out?
6. How did the ending make you feel?
7. *Conviction* has been described as cinematic: who would you cast as the character of Anna?

8. True crime stories consistently dominate podcast charts and TV ratings. What do you think is the appeal of real-life whodunits?

Summary from Goodreads.com
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