A NOVEL

The OTHER SISTER

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Reading Group Guide

- 1. Describe the dynamic between Ali and Morgan. Do you think Morgan's jealousy is justified? Do you think Ali's guilt is?
- 2. Why do you think Morgan turns to the mysterious Sam figure for comfort and companionship? Have you had a person in your life who has been your support system like Sam is for Morgan? Explain that relationship.
- 3. Why does Morgan get involved with Logan on his wedding night? How do you think that relationship and the continued affair later on make Morgan feel? How does this foreshadow Logan's overall character?
- 4. Describe the difference between Matt's and Ali's upbringings. How do you think Matt fits in with Ali's family? Do you think Matt recognizes the dysfunction in Ali and Morgan's relationship, or does he idealize Ali's situation?
- 5. Why do you think Matt keeps his disappearance a secret from Ali? Could you marry someone who did the same to you? How would this affect your relationship?
- 6. Morgan and Ali have an almost psychic twin connection. Have you ever had someone in your life with whom you felt that

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kind of a connection, where you could intuitively sense their feelings? Explain.

- 7. Why do you think Morgan sells the tract of land her grandmother bought years ago? Is it out of love or revenge?
- 8. Describe the relationship between Ali and Levi. Why do you think Ali continues their flirtation after marrying Matt and moving to California?
- 9. Do you think Ali is justified in blaming Matt for her attack? How does she change after that night? How does it affect their marriage?
- 10. Describe the dynamic between Ava and Ali. How is it different from Ali's relationship with Morgan?
- 11. Why do you think Matt turns to Danielle for comfort? Describe their affair. Is it physical or purely emotional? Do you think Ali deserves to know?
- 12. How does owning Ralph change Morgan as a person? Does it affect her relationship with Ali? With herself? With Ben Tennoff? In what ways?
- How does Ava's baby, Sofie, bring Matt and Ali back together? Ali and Morgan?
- 14. Why do you think Matt decides to take the movie job in Australia? If you were in his position, would you do the same?

- 15. How does Ali react when she sees the suitcase in her attic? When Morgan finds out about Ali's rape, how does it affect her feelings toward her sister?
- 16. How do you feel about the ending of *The Other Sister*? Do you think Morgan and Ali got the lives they deserved? Do you think they each have a happy ending once the book ends? Explain.
- 17. Imagine having a twin brother or sister. Do you think you'd encounter the same difficulties that Morgan and Ali do? Is there always some level of sibling rivalry? How do you over-come that?