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CASE PENDING

DELL SHANNON

READING GROUP GUIDE

1. Does Agnes Browne behave in a realistic manner? Do you know people like her?
2. Dick Morgan will do whatever he has to do to protect his family. Does he make good choices? What were his alternatives?
3. How do you think Lt. Mendoza feels about his ethnic heritage? How does he relate to Mexican Americans whom he meets? Does he relate differently than the white police officers?
4. What do you think about Mendoza's relationship with Alison Weir? The events of the story take place around 1960—how would their relationship be different in today's society?
5. What should Marty Lindstrom have done differently to save his family?
6. Does the author's depiction of the families in the

neighborhood feel realistic? How might they be different today?

7. Some of this story is about the relationships among young teenagers. How do you think this differs today from what the author depicts?
8. Do you think race relations in America have changed materially since the time of this book?
9. After reading this book, do you want to read other police procedurals? Other books by this author? Why or why not?