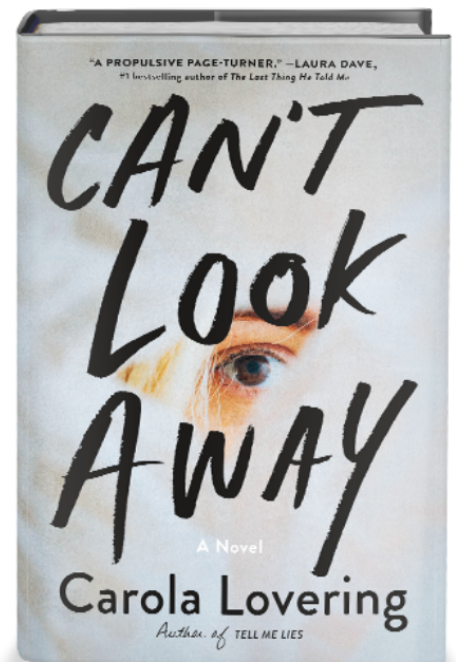


# CAN'T LOOK AWAY

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Throughout *Can't Look Away*, there are multiple timelines and perspectives. How did the storytelling and structure of the novel affect your reading experience and work to build tension and suspense?
2. Molly, Jake, and Sabrina experienced neglect and/or trauma caused by a parent(s) to some extent during their childhood. How do you think these experiences during their developmental years affect their relationships as adults?
3. Discuss the evolution of Jake and Molly's relationship, specifically the different phases it goes through and the significance it holds for each of them.
4. In their twenties, Jake and Molly spend a lot of time and energy creating their respective art. How does the pressure of creating "good" art affect their relationship? How does it draw them together and/or pull them apart?
5. Music is a prevalent theme in the novel, and song lyrics are incorporated throughout the narrative. How did this affect your reading experience? What role does music play in bringing the characters together?
6. Sabrina and Liz both express jealousy toward Molly at certain points; accordingly, they treat her like a competitor. In your experience, is it common for women to compare themselves to one another? How does Molly's own competitive streak manifest itself?
7. The struggle to have a child can strain a marriage. What is your overall impression of Hunter and Molly's marriage? How does it evolve over the process of Molly's IVF treatments and their devastating miscarriages/losses?



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8. What is the significance of family in this novel?
9. There are several messy relationships in the story that involve deception, lies, and infidelity. Based on the characters' actions, what do you think is at the root of such mixed emotions and complicated relationships?
10. In the moments when Molly and Sabrina long to be with Jake again, they are each looking to fill a void. Do you feel like you relate to them or gain any wisdom from Molly's and Sabrina's experiences with Jake?
11. Two major settings are Flynn Cove and Brooklyn. How does the characters' environment provoke or allow for certain interactions? How does the setting change the tone for the characters?
12. This book is about obsession in all its forms. How do each of the main characters experience obsession?
13. How did the ending make you feel? What do you envision in the future for Sabrina and for Molly?
14. Were you happy with Molly's choice to stay with Hunter at the end? Who do you think is ultimately the right partner for her—Hunter or Jake?

