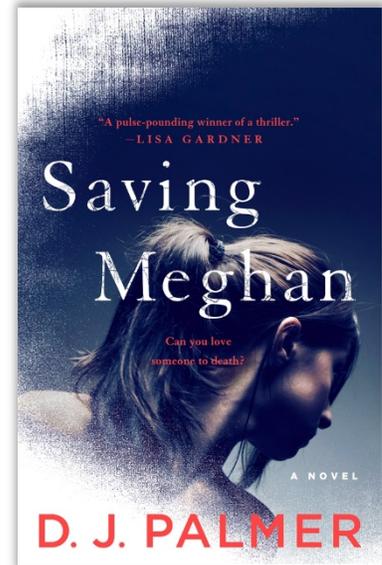


Saving Meghan

by D. J. Palmer

About This Guide

SAVING MEGHAN is a riveting thriller full of secrets and lies from author D.J. Palmer that asks the question, “Can you love someone to death?” The question below are designed to enhance your reading group’s conversation about **SAVING MEGHAN**.



Questions for Discussion

1. Does knowing that **SAVING MEGHAN** is based (loosely) on a true story change your thoughts and opinions on any of the characters or events in the novel?
2. In the book, Meghan is portrayed somewhat as a victim of her circumstance. How did that portrayal make you feel, and why might she not have been a stronger advocate for herself?
3. The characters in **SAVING MEGHAN** are each flawed in different ways. What was your reaction to them while reading the book? Did your opinions change with the conclusion of the story, and if so, why?
4. In the novel, the doctor, Zach Fisher, is accused of confirmation bias—seeing a disease that had taken the life of his son in others because it was what he wanted/needed to see for his healing process. Have you ever experienced confirmation bias in your life and believed something to be true when it led you to an incorrect conclusion?
5. Is it right for a social services organization to remove a child from a home without conclusive proof of child abuse? What else might be done to safeguard the welfare of the child without upending families in the process?
6. How should doctors resolve conflicting diagnoses and medical opinions?

7. At what point does advocating for a child suffering from a difficult to diagnose disease cross the line of acceptable behavior? What recourse does a parent have when they strongly disagree with a diagnosis or treatment plan?
8. In what situations should a hospital seek emergency guardianship of a minor and was it justified in Meghan's case?
9. The number of medical child abuse claims approaches nearly 1,600 annually. What burden of proof should doctor's bear when making this accusation? What is the parent's responsibility in proving their child suffers from a rare or debilitating disease?
10. Which characters in SAVING MEGHAN did you find likable? What actions did a character take (or not take) that made them unlikable for you? Do you need the main characters of a novel to be likable to enjoy the read?