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The Flatshare

Reading Group Guide

Welcome to the Reading Group Guide for *The Flatshare*. Please note: In order to provide reading groups with the most informed and thought-provoking questions possible, it is necessary to reveal important aspects of the plot of this novel—as well as the ending. If you have not finished reading *The Flatshare*, we respectfully suggest that you consider waiting before reviewing this guide.

- 1) Tiffy and Leon go from sharing their leftovers to sharing the issues they're struggling with the most. Where else does the theme of sharing come in to play in the novel? What does it lead to when characters are willing to share something with others?
- 2) The story is told from both Tiffy and Leon's points of view. What effect does this have? Was there one character who you warmed to more, and why?
- 3) Richie has been unfairly treated by the justice system. But we don't know that for sure right away - we only know that Leon believes he's innocent. Did you ever think Richie was guilty of the crime he was accused of? How would it have changed the story if he had been?
- 4) What do Tiffy and Leon learn about each other from the signs they leave in the flat? What might somebody learn about you, if they stayed at your place when you weren't there?
- 5) Who was your favourite character in the novel, and why?
- 6) It takes time for Tiffy to realise that her relationship with Justin was abusive. When did you first suspect that that relationship was unhealthy? What were the signs?
- 7) How has Tiffy been changed by her relationship with Justin? How does it affect the way in which her relationship with Leon develops?
- 8) How did you feel when Kay and Leon broke up? Could her relationship with Leon have worked, if it weren't for Richie's imprisonment?
- 9) Johnny White comes to see Mr Prior just in time. What does their love story teach Leon?
- 10) What does Tiffy bring to Leon's life, and vice versa?
- 11) Mo, Gerty and Rachel are a huge support to Tiffy. But Leon doesn't have close friends like this. Does that matter?

12) Did you wish that Leon and Tiffy had met earlier in the book, such as when Tiffy first moved in or when she visited the hospice? What might have happened if they had?

13) Do you think Tiffy and Leon would have ended up together if that had met in different circumstances - say, on Tinder, or at a bar, or through a mutual friend?