# SHALL TOWN

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#### BOOK CLUB KIT

### A NOVEL

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#### Welcome to the Book Club Kit for SMALL TOWN SINS

Please note: In order to provide book clubs with the most informed and thought-provoking questions possible, it is necessary to reveal aspects of the story, as well as the ending. If you have not finished reading *Small Town Sins*, you may want to wait before reviewing this guide.

- 1. All three major characters in the novel do something illegal, but are they doing the right thing?
- 2. Andy, in particular, takes justice into his own hands. Do you feel his actions are justified?
- 3. Gabriella's parents believe that faith is more important than medical science. Do you believe that they are acting out of good intentions?
- 4. How do you compare the experience of living in a small town vs. in a big city in the United States? How might this same story with these same characters have played out if the novel were set in a city?
- 5. Nathan believes he can trace his life back to a single moment. Is that true for him? Is that true for any of us?
- 6. It is often said that, "Beauty is only skin deep," and "Looks don't matter." But for Callie, this doesn't seem true. How profoundly is her, or anyone's, life shaped by appearances?
- 7. In the book, several characters commit crimes against criminals—for instance, when Nathan takes the money he found, or Andy's search for the predator. Do you feel these crimes committed against criminals are somehow lesser evils?
- 8. Callie wonders if "maybe this was as much about me as it was about Gabriella." Is that true? How much of the characters' motivations are deeper than they realize?