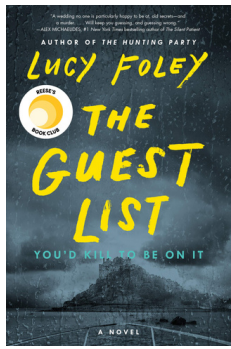




The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Book Club Questions

- How would you describe your initial impression of the book and its setting on an island off the coast of Ireland?
- Did The Guest Lists' structure, with multiple narrators and alternating timelines, enhance or hinder your reading experience?
- Who was your favorite character in the book, and why did you find them compelling?
- Which character surprised you the most as the story unfolded, and why?
- In what ways did the author create a sense of atmosphere and tension throughout the book?
- How did the author use the wedding setting to heighten the suspense and drama of the story?
- Were you able to guess the identity of the victim before it was revealed? What clues led you to your conclusion?
- What did you think about the way the author revealed the events leading up to the murder in a non-linear fashion?
- Discuss the various relationships portrayed in The Guest List. Which ones felt authentic, and which ones seemed strained or unhealthy?
- How did the characters' backgrounds and secrets contribute to the overall mystery of the story?
- Discuss the relationship dynamics between Jules and Olivia.
- What role did the elements of jealousy and rivalry play in the plot? Did you sympathize with any of the characters' motivations?
- Did you find yourself rooting for any particular character to be the killer? If so, why?
- Explore the theme of trust in the book. Which characters had trust issues, and how did it impact their actions and decisions?



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- The story alternates between the perspectives of several characters. Whose viewpoint did you find the most compelling, and why?
- How did you find the choice of including five POVs in the book?
- Discuss the role of the wedding planner, Aoife in the story. How did her character add depth to the plot?
- How did the author use symbolism, such as the wedding ring and the stormy weather, to convey themes and emotions in the story?
- Did you feel that the resolution of the mystery was satisfying? Why or why not?
- How did the author create a sense of dread and foreboding leading up to the discovery of the body?
- Were there any moments in the book that genuinely surprised you or left you in suspense?
- Compare the characteristics of the best man Johnno and the groom Will.
- Explore the idea of class and privilege in *The Guest List*, particularly in the context of the guests and their relationships.
- What do you think motivated the characters to attend the wedding, despite their various grievances and secrets?
- Did you find the characters' flaws and imperfections relatable, or did they make it difficult to sympathize with them?
- How did the author use the first-person perspective to immerse readers in the characters' thoughts and emotions?
- How does the theme that appearances can be deceptive, is demonstrated in the story? Identify specific instances in the story that highlight this idea?
- If you were to attend a wedding like the one in *The Guest List* what precautions would you take to ensure your safety and enjoyment?