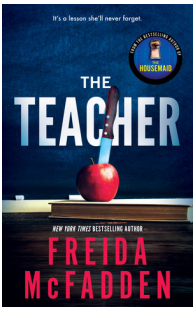


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Book Club Questions

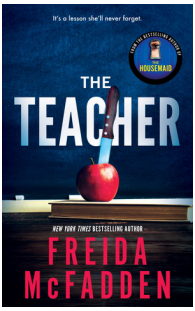
- Reflect on the title of the book, How does this theme manifest in the story, and what lessons do the characters learn?
- What were your initial impressions of Eve as a protagonist? Did your opinion of her change throughout the story?
- How did the author use the setting of Caseham High School to enhance the story's atmosphere and tension?
- Discuss the theme of trust in the novel. How did the characters' trust—or lack thereof—impact the unfolding events?
- What role does the scandal involving Addie play in driving the narrative forward? Did it surprise you how deeply it affected the characters?
- Explore the dynamics of Eve and Nate's relationship. How did their marriage evolve over the course of the story?
- Did the novel's pacing keep you engaged? Were there any moments where you felt the story lagged or rushed?
- Discuss the theme of revenge in the story. How did it drive the characters' actions and decisions?
- How do you perceive the ripple effects of the student-teacher scandal on the broader school community beyond the immediate individuals involved?
- In what ways do you think rumors surrounding Addie's actions and character influence her mental well-being and sense of self-worth? How do these rumors affect her relationships and interactions with others?
- Let's delve deeper into Addie's character. What complexities and contradictions do you observe in her personality and actions throughout the story? How does the author portray her growth and development?
- How does "The Teacher" explore themes of loyalty and betrayal?
- How do the secrets in the novel drive the story? What happens to the characters because of these secrets?



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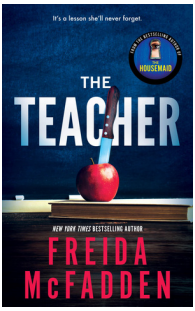
- How do gossip and rumors affect the story in "The Teacher"? How do they add to the overall feel of the book, and what does the author say about rumors and their effects?
- How do characters deal with right and wrong in "The Teacher"? Do they follow society's rules? Does the book question what's right and wrong? Do you think Eve is as guilty as Nate?
- What did you think of the secondary characters, such as the students and faculty at Caseham High? Did any of them stand out to you?
- How did the author use suspense and mystery to keep you guessing throughout the book?
- Explore the significance of secrets in the novel. How did they shape the characters' relationships and motivations?
- Compare and contrast Eve and Addie as characters. In what ways are they similar, and how do they differ?
- How does the author handle themes of betrayal and loyalty throughout the novel?
- Were there any twists or turns in the plot that caught you off guard? Which ones were the most surprising?
- Explore the theme of forgiveness in the novel. Did any characters experience growth or redemption?
- Discuss the significance of the math symbolism throughout the story. How did it add depth to the narrative?
- How does the author portray the complexities of teenage relationships and dynamics within the school setting?
- Did the author effectively build suspense and tension leading up to key moments in the story?
- Explore the theme of identity in the novel. How do the characters grapple with who they are versus who others perceive them to be?
- Reflect on the themes of justice and morality in the novel. Did any characters struggle with ethical dilemmas?



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- How does the author create tension between the characters through dialogue and interaction?
- What are your thoughts on the flaws in "The Teacher," such as plot holes, unrealistic twists, and frustrating characters? How do these aspects impact your engagement with the story, especially when negative events occur?
- Discuss Eve's behavior of hoarding expensive shoes as a coping mechanism within her marriage. How does this obsession serve as a metaphor for her deeper emotional struggles and desires for fulfillment?
- How does the introduction of Addie, a problematic student linked to the resignation of one of Eve's favorite teachers, impact Eve's perception of her husband's charm and their relationship dynamics?
- What precautions does Eve take when she realizes Addie, the catalyst behind a teacher's resignation due to inappropriate behaviors, is assigned to both her and her husband's class?
- Do you think Addie's actions and behaviors were realistic for a sixteen-year-old, or did they seem exaggerated?
- How did the absence of a moral compass among the characters enhance the thriller aspect of the story for you?
- Can you share your thoughts on Addie's decision to consistently take the high road in the face of adversity, particularly regarding bullying? Did you draw from personal experiences or observations as an educator?
- In what ways do you believe your book contributes to the ongoing conversation about bullying in education, especially with Addie's nonviolent reactions?
- What aspects of the book did you find most disturbing yet captivating?
- How would you describe the impact of the unexpected twist in the epilogue on your reading experience?
- What did you think of the ending? Did it leave you wanting more, or were you satisfied with how things concluded?



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- What other books by Freida McFadden are you looking forward to reading next, and why?
- Reflect on the overarching message or moral of the story. What do you think the author is trying to convey to readers?
- Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?
- What aspects of the story do you think would translate well to a film or television adaptation?