

## BOOK CLUB KIT





- 1. What is your it? Your search? Can you identify with being an "expert" searcher?
- 2. Why do you think we are drawn to alternative therapies and modalities?
- 3. At only seven years old, Megan asks Santa for a mantra. Did you have any unusual requests when you were a kid?
- 4. Discuss Megan's parents. In what ways does her upbringing differ from yours? In what ways is it similar?
- 5. Did any of the modalities appeal to you? Why? Any that sounded too "out there"?
- 6. Whether laughing or crying or angry, did you find yourself having an emotional response in the book? If so, how did you feel? Any sections in particular?
- 7. In all the modalities, therapies, and practices Megan cites, do you see any universal themes that connect all of them?
  What comes to mind?
- 8. What do you think of Megan's mother's reaction to Tim's arrest?
  Why do you think Megan found it unsatisfactory?
- 9. Do you think Don helps or hurts Megan and Tim's marriage? In what ways? Why do you think they stayed with Don for so long? Would there have been a different outcome had Don never been in the picture?

- 10. Do you believe there are topics that are "off-limits" in a marriage? Do you think Megan was entitled to Tim's whole truth?
- 11. Discuss boundaries. Megan says she doesn't like how it feels when hers finally show up. What do you think they feel like?
- 12. How does Megan feel about "joy"? Are your feelings similar?
- 13. What do you think of Megan's relationship with Laird? Why does Megan behave the way she does?
- 14. Discuss Megan's journey of healing via her own practice as an acupuncturist? What was your impression about healers before? What do you think now?
- 15. Do you think Megan's tone and approach to alternative therapies shifts from beginning to the end of the book?
- 16. What do you think Megan was initially seeking? What do you think she found?
- 17. Do you think Megan is actually making a commentary on self-help? If so, what is it? Or is it more a commentary on how to choose more carefully what you try?
- 18. If you could tell Megan one thing to help her during her journey, what would it be and at what stage would you have told her?