Cat's People

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Cat is a fixture of his community, bringing people together. Which of Cat's many connections do you think he played the biggest part in?
- 2. In *Cat's People* many of the characters are experiencing personal conflicts: Bong is mourning the loss of his wife, Collin is fighting writer's block and a demanding publisher, and Núria is dealing with pressure from her mother to settle down. How does Cat manage to help these and other characters with their issues?
- 3. In the book, the perspective changes from character to character. Which character did you identify with the most?
- 4. Throughout the book, Núria and Collin exchange notes, fueling their connection and deepening their love story. What do these notes reveal about these characters?
- 5. Cat's People is set against the background of Brooklyn, NY. Why do you think the author chose this setting? Would the message of this story be the same if it were set somewhere else?
- 6. Do you think that Lily should have revealed the truth to Núria sooner? What could she have done differently and should Nuria have forgiven her?
- 7. What do you think happens to each character after the end of the book?
- 8. If you could ask the author anything—about the inspiration for *Cat's People*, her writing process, or what she hopes readers will take away from the novel—what would it be?