

# THE MISSING HALF

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Caution . . . some spoilers ahead.*

1. What do you think about Kasey and Nic's relationship? If you have a sister or a close friend/relative, how do you compare that relationship with Nic and Kasey's? What feelings about sisterhood did this novel bring up?
2. Trust and betrayal are major themes in the novel. Were there any characters you initially trusted but later doubted? Or vice versa? How many chances are you willing to give someone who betrays your trust? Are some betrayals forgivable?
3. What are the key differences in the way that Jenna and Nic process their grief?
4. Were you surprised by the way the police and media treated the investigation? Why or why not?
5. Nic's relationship with her family is undoubtedly strained. How do you think this impacted her investigation? In what ways did it help, and in what ways did it hinder her?
6. Did your opinion of Kasey change as we learned more about her life and the secrets she kept? If you were Nic, how would you have felt learning shocking things about your sister?
7. How are the two pairs of sisters at the center of the narrative different from each other? The same?
8. Do you agree with how the public perception and media were portrayed in the novel? Why or why not?
9. What were your thoughts on the book's ending?
10. The title *The Missing Half* has multiple meanings. What do you think it represents in the story?
11. Were any of your predictions and suspicions correct? What did you get right? Wrong?
12. Who would you cast in a TV or film adaptation of *The Missing Half*?