



## *LOVE AND A LITTLE WHITE LIE* DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your first impressions of January, Cameron, and Dillon? How did those impressions change by the end of the story?
2. How does January's humorous voice add to the story? Were there any parts that made you laugh out loud?
3. Do you think January should have been up-front about her lack of faith when she interviewed for her job at the church, or should it not matter for the type of role she was in?
4. While reading the prayer cards, January is compelled to help the woman in the nursing home and to help Ralph and his wife—without them asking. Was she being meddlesome? Where do you think the line is between fulfilling a need and getting involved in things one shouldn't?
5. Were you hoping January would end up with Cameron or Dillon? Was there a point in the story when your opinion changed? Why do you think January made the choice she did?
6. When January gets a job at a church, she collides with the Christian church culture, complete with Christianese phrases. It all seems very foreign to her. Is it refreshing for you to read a perspective that's outside the church culture, looking in? What other tensions between cultures do you see throughout the book? What questions does the book raise about the Christian culture's accessibility to those unfamiliar with it?
7. At one point, January compares herself to the fence between her mom's and her aunt's plots of land: one side unruly and the other beautifully ordered. How do you see the tension play out in the story as January evaluates how the two women shaped her? When January learns what her aunt did to make her mom so angry, what impact does this have on January's identity?

8. The believers January interacts with aren't perfect. Cameron is questioning his purpose as a musician, Ralph's marriage is falling apart, and Dillon admits, "Church isn't really where I want to be right now. . ." What message do you think the author is trying to convey by showing the imperfection of these Christians' lives? How do their broken stories affect January's view of God and Christianity throughout the story? What impact do you think it would have if we were open about our struggles instead of trying to be "perfect Christians?"
  
9. After January finds out about Ralph's secret, she says, "Now I know his secret and it makes me look at him different. . . .It's human nature to judge people by their weaknesses. And everyone in this church would do the same if they knew mine." What do you think of that statement? Is there truth in it? Does it turn out to be true for January?