

## **BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS**

### **"THE BRIDE'S TRAIL" BY AA ABBOTT**

SPOILER ALERT: these questions are best discussed after the book has been read.

- The book's structure is unusual: many short chapters, cycling between different points of view. How do you feel about it?
- Is Kat a sympathetic character? What is the basis for your view of her?
- Which characters did you like – or hate?
- Do you think Kat realises how dangerous Jeb is?
- Do you think Kat is using Amy, or is Amy using Kat?
- Ross has a public school arrogance and Amy feels inferior to him because she went to a comprehensive school. What advice would you give her?
- Do you feel Amy is motivated solely by the desire to clear her name when she joins forces with Ross to find Kat?
- Amy sees the City of London as a sweatshop. Do you agree? How different is her work ethic from Parveen's – or Charles's?
- Have you met somebody like Alex, who speaks in buzzwords?
- Shaun believes everybody has a price – is he right?
- Shaun functions despite mourning his wife, being afraid of losing his power and status, and feeling out of touch with his sons. What do you think motivates him?

- Although he lives with a rich, beautiful woman who is crazy about him, Charles isn't happy. Why not?
- What do you think of Amy's relationship with her father?
- While Kat bears a grudge against Marty, her brother doesn't. Who is right?
- Shaun believes Marty is a small-minded small businessman living off inherited wealth. Marty believes Shaun is a chancer. Are they right about each other?
- You may be aware that the Anchor tunnels in Birmingham are real. What do you know about them?
- Jackie Molloy is a Birmingham librarian who volunteered for a cameo role in the story. Would you offer to be mentioned in a work of fiction? Would it depend on what was written about you?
- Have you read other books that are similar? Which ones?
- How do you feel about the end of the story?