

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

"THE GRASS TRAIL" BY AA ABBOTT

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

- Like the rest of the Trail series, the book is divided into short chapters, each giving a different character's point of view. How did you feel about that?
- Which character(s) did you empathise with?
- Shaun was unimpressed at having to share a cell with a politician. He didn't expect to like Marshall Jenner. What made him change his mind?
- Politicians who have served time in Belmarsh include Denis McShane, Jeffrey Archer and Jonathan Aitken. Have you read their prison diaries?
- Shaun doesn't think he's homophobic. Do you agree with him?
- Have you read earlier books in the series? If you had sympathy for Shaun before, do you have any now?
- What do you think Kat really wants from Tim – a business or personal relationship?
- How similar is Kat to her mother?
- If you've read earlier books in the series, do you see a change in Kat's approach to life?
- Have you ever felt alone in the middle of a city, as Kat did when she received threatening letters from Shaun?

- Marty likes to be in control. Do you expect Angela to succeed in getting him to lose weight?
- Should Marty have been more or less frank in his interview with Joanne, the Huffington Post journalist?
- Was Marty right to do a deal with Kat?
- Why did Jon involve Jerry and Scott in Anton's murder?
- Erik's fractured skull healed but he still felt below par. What do you think was the nature of his illness? How could Amy, Kat and Marty have supported him better?
- Which character would you most like to meet?
- Did the book's ending work for you?