

## **BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS**

### **“LIES AT HER DOOR” BY AA ABBOTT**

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

- The book alternates between Neil’s and Lucy’s points of view. Did you feel each of them had enough airtime?
- Were there any characters whose POV you would have liked to have seen?
- Did you find Lucy a sympathetic character? How about Neil? And wheelchair-bound Jennifer?
- What do you think of Jennifer’s parenting skills compared with Sarah Stokesley’s? Contrast Ethan Stokesley’s personality with that of Daniel, his probable father.
- Lucy has been the victim of gaslighting. Sebastian put his wife on a pedestal and has realised her reality didn’t live up to his fantasy. How would you advise both Lucy and Sebastian to move forward?
- What do you think the future holds for Neil?
- Which residents of Jackson Crescent did you like? Did you dislike any of them?
- Are there other characters you loved or hated?
- Sasha, the Samoyed, plays a pivotal part in giving Lucy confidence and fighting for her life. What are your thoughts on Sasha’s role in the story?

- When did you suspect Daniel was the killer? Did you suspect someone else at any point?
- Although the book centres on a murder mystery and has a strong police procedural element, the author considers it a psychological thriller. What do you think?
- The fictional Jackson Crescent sinkhole was inspired by the real life collapse of a cellar in Canynge Square, Bristol, on Christmas Day 2020. Have you read other stories inspired by real places or events?
- In “Lies at Her Door”, the sinkhole appears on Christmas Eve 2019, and the police investigation then takes place in December and January 2020. The looming pandemic doesn’t get a mention. How do you feel about reading stories set during the pandemic?
- Do you know Bristol? Has the description of Clifton, the suspension bridge and the Zig Zag encouraged you to visit?