

## Discussion Questions

February 20 6:30 p.m.

Alexis and Daniel both feel a powerful sense of obligation to uphold their family legacies, yet they respond to this pressure in very different ways. How can the values associated with a family legacy influence its members' choices and behaviors? Can you think of any moments in the book that exemplify this?

The theme of privilege and grace plays a significant role in the novel. Have Alexis' experiences made her more attuned to the roles of privilege and grace in her life, and how she uses them to interact with others and make decisions? How can privilege be leveraged to extend grace towards others?

- Alexis is really charmed by Daniel's small town life, even though it's completely different than the life she's been living. Does Daniel's life appeal to you? Or would you prefer Alexis's big city situation?
- Jimenez explores the idea that power and prestige can sometimes overshadow the act of genuinely helping others. How do the characters in this book handle the balance between maintaining status and truly assisting those in need? Do you think the Montgomerys and the Grants have the balance right?
- Alexis at one point thinks that 'A Montgomery working in any other hospital would still be a Montgomery, but it weakened us, made our influence thinner.' How does this reflect the tension between individuality and legacy within families? Do you think this is a universal tension, or is it particular to the families in this novel?
- The character of Neil Rasmussen brings up the issue of emotional abuse in intimate partner relationships. How do you think Neil's manipulation tactics and abusive behavior are influenced by society's acceptance of controlling behaviors and charm? Do you think Alexis's relationship with Neil would have been different if she wasn't from the Montgomery family?
- The Montgomerys uphold a powerful legacy at the hospital and hold strict expectations for Alexis. How do you think the book illustrates the effects of power and control within family dynamics? Do you believe Alexis's life would have had a different trajectory had the Montgomerys not held such high expectations for her?
- Derek Montgomery represents a character who broke free from his family's expectations and chose to prioritize his own happiness. How did you feel about Derek's choice? Would you have made the same decision if you were in his shoes? Would Alexis have had a different perspective on life if she had followed Derek's path sooner?
  - Did you have a favorite sweet, funny, or turning point moment in Alexis and Daniel's story?
- Because this book gives off major Hallmark movie vibes, who would you cast as Alexis and Daniel?





