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Book Club Discussion Guide

Thank you for choosing *El Macho* for your book club. This novel invites conversation around personal growth, family relationships, power, immigration, and trafficking.

Character and Relationships

1. Did you see any part of yourself or someone you know in Jessica's journey?
2. Jessica's relationship with her mother softened in this book. What do you think played the biggest role in that change?
3. Robin approached the family revelations with openness, while Barbara carried anger and grief. What do you think shaped their responses so differently?
4. Several characters acted out of guilt, loyalty, obsession, or protection. Which motivation did you understand the most?
5. Which character's choices frustrated you the most, even if you understood why they made them?

Situational Questions:

6. Barbara spent decades carrying her version of what happened to Paul. Do you think her anger came from his betrayal—or from what she believed she had done?
7. If the truth had come out years earlier, whose life do you think would have looked the most different?
8. Who did you think murdered Paul Brown? Why?
9. Who do you think had the hardest truth to face in this story?
10. Paul's double life is one of the story's biggest revelations. Which felt more shocking to you—the murder itself, or the hidden family at the center of it?

Reflection

11. If you discovered someone you loved had built an entirely separate life, what would be harder to process: the betrayal itself, or realizing how much you never truly knew?
12. What stayed with you most after finishing the book—an idea, a moment, or a question