

El Macho

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. Luísa came to Jessica about what was going on with Jeremy Wright. Do you think Jessica should've told Paz right away, even if it meant breaking her trust?
3. During the intervention, Jessica feels like everyone is overlooking how serious the situation is. Do you agree with her?
4. After Jessica is arrested, her mom connects her actions to her father. Do you think that comparison was fair, or is she seeing Jessica through her past?
5. Do you think Jessica pushed her mom to leave?
6. By the end, do you think Angus really understands why Jessica does what she does, or does he still feel like she should step back?

Situational Questions:

7. Alma tells Jessica to leave the Wright's alone for the sake of the firm. Do you think that was the right call based on what Jessica suspected?
8. When Jessica realizes the firm is representing someone she doesn't trust, what do you think she should've done, if anything?
9. Jaime tells Jessica she might as well be doing police work, and later we find out Linda used to be an officer. Do you think Jessica would've fit in that world, or does she work better outside of it?
10. Being placed on unpaid leave is what led Jessica to Linda Reed's firm. Do you think she would've made that move on her own, or did everything falling apart push her there?
11. When everything came out about what was happening at the ranch, did anything surprise you, or did it all line up with what you expected?
12. During Emmy's breakdown, we learn more about her past and what led up to that moment. How did that scene shape the way you saw her? Did it change anything for you, or just make things more complicated?

Reflection

What stayed with you most after finishing the book—an idea, a moment, or a question?