

Tequila Midnight

Book Club Discussion Guide

Thank you for choosing *Tequila Midnight* for your book club. This novel invites conversation around family and power, how it shapes us, and how we navigate it.

Character and Relationships

1. Did you see any part of yourself or someone you know in Jessica's journey?
2. Ruben Velasco is a powerful man feared by many. How does that affect his relationships with the women in his life?
3. Jessica is able to navigate through situations - danger, sex, work - without a level of detachment. Where do you see that working in her favor, and where does it start to fail her?
4. Doraliz's academic work focuses on the disappearance of the women in Juarez, yet she later becomes someone who disappears from her own life. How does her position as both observer and participant shape the way you interpret her story?
5. Jessica's visit to her parents does not provide the closure she expected. How do you interpret what she takes away from that experience?
6. Jessica's relationship with Angus remains secondary for much of the novel. What changes in how she approaches that relationship by the end?

Situational Questions:

7. Sra. Velasco exists inside a system that harms other women. How does her position complicate the idea of complicity and survival?
8. How does the novel portray the relationship between wealth, control, and access to information?
9. Do you see Doraliz's disappearance as an act of escape, a form of resistance to her father's world, or something else?
10. After everything Jessica experiences, what do you think ultimately shapes her the most—the people she encounters, the environment she lives in, or her own decisions?
11. Jessica becomes involved in something larger than she initially understands. Looking back, where do you think her involvement becomes unavoidable?

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Reflection

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