

**The blurb says...** 'All the stuff in the papers was lies. We were never The Ice Cream Girls.'

Serena and Poppy were teenagers when they were branded as the Ice Cream Girls.

When they were accused of murder, one of them was sent to prison while the other was set free.

Now, 20 years later, one of them is doing all she can to clear her name and the other is frantically trying to keep her secrets.

Which Ice Cream Girl is desperate enough to kill to get what she wants?

**The blurb means...** The Ice Cream Girls was my first novel to be published hardback and fittingly writing it pushed me hard. There are such extremes of emotion explored in the book, that I constantly felt conflicting things. Sometimes I was excited, other times I was scared, but I enjoyed telling this story.

As with all my books, I loved telling the story of Poppy and Serena and writing my very first whodunit. I hope you enjoy reading it.

## The Ice Cream Girls Reading Group Questions

These questions might help get a reading group discussion on The Ice Cream Girls, started.

Warning: contains possible spoilers!

- 1. Who was your favourite character? Why?
- 2. Who was your least favourite character? Why?
- 3. Why do you think Serena chose to keep her past a secret from Evan? Do you think she did the right thing? Have you ever kept a secret from someone you love?
- 4. How do the choices Serena made as a teenager influence the lives of her sisters and parents? Do you think she was right to feel guilty?
- 5. Why do you think Poppy's parents did the things they did?
- 6. What are the similarities and differences between how Poppy's family and Serena's family reacted to them being arrested and being tried for Marcus's murder?
- 7. What is the relationship between Serena and Poppy? Could they have been friends if not for Marcus?
- 8. How does prison change Poppy?
- 9. How goes being found not guilty change Serena?
- 10. How do Poppy and Serena change as people during the course of the book?
- 11. Do you think the killer was justified in what he or she did?
- 12. What are the main themes of The Ice Cream Girls?