



Dead Ringer

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Introduction

Many book clubs have written Lisa asking for questions to guide their discussion, so Lisa came up with a bunch for each book. Her goal in writing books is to entertain, so it goes without saying that Lisa wants you to have lots of fun discussing her books, and has reflected that in her questions. She provides the talking points, and you and your group shape the conversation. So go ahead, get together, chat it up with your friends, discuss books, kids, and relationships, but by all means, have fun.

Questions

1. Does everyone understand the title *Dead Ringer*? After the book was done, I found out my kid and her friends didn't know what the phrase means. Am I getting old?
2. Do you think Alice deserves a second chance, or is someone who would hurt a dog unredeemable?
3. Do you feel sorry for Alice because she was the twin who was given up? Does this make her actions any more forgivable?
4. Have you ever had a total stranger come to your rescue, just because they were a good person, and not because they wanted something from you? Were they as good looking as David?
5. Competitiveness and jealousy led two siblings in this book to do some terrible, even horrific things. Some envy between siblings is normal, but where does it cross the line? Is it the parents' fault? Is there something parents can do to make this less of a problem?
6. Do you think that Bennie should have put her house up in order to save her business? Do you believe that in order to be successful, you need to take risks?
7. Could you forgive Alice? Do you think she can change? Do we let family get away with things that we would never put up with from others, or are we harder on them?

About the author

Lisa Scottoline is a *New York Times* bestselling author and former trial lawyer. She has won the Edgar Award, the highest prize in suspense fiction, and the Distinguished Author Award from the Weinberg Library of the University of Scranton. She has served as the Leo Goodwin Senior Professor of Law and Popular Culture at Nova Southeastern Law School, and her novels are used by bar associations for the ethical issues they present. Her books are published in more than twenty languages. She lives with her family in the Philadelphia area.