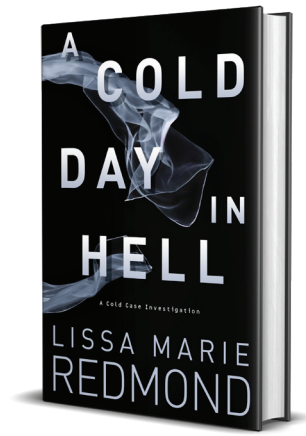


BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- Lauren is a police detective for the city of Buffalo and a licensed private investigator. Do you think this should be allowed or is it a conflict of interest? Was Lauren wrong to take David Spencer's case?
- Do you think Lauren's abusive relationship with her ex-fiancée Joe Wheeler influenced her decision to take on David's case?
- Lauren's daughters are both off at college. How much do you think that shaped her choices?
- What do you consider Lauren Riley's flaws to be? Do you agree or disagree with the way she copes with her issues?
- Lauren and her partner, Shane Reese, have a very unique relationship. Do you think it might evolve into something more? Why or why not?
- Defense attorneys are often depicted as the bad guys in books and films. Is Frank Violanti a bad guy or is he just doing his job?
- Much of the story takes place in Buffalo, New York during a heat wave. Do you think that setting lends itself to this type of mystery? Why or why not?
- Were you satisfied with the book's ending? Was it the outcome you expected?



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