FREE SAMPLE

The Golden Couple Book Club Kit

One marriage, one therapist, and a secret on every page - one great night with Sarah Pekkanen and Greer Hendricks' novel

Free sample - two real pages from the kit: Spoiler-Free Questions 1-12 (kit p. 6) and the Character Map (kit p. 4). The full kit is 16 pages: 40 original discussion questions, a character map, a timeline tracker, the twist-fairness test, a rating ballot and a golden-hour playlist.

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Spoiler-Free Questions

Safe before the last page - questions 1-12

1. Sum the book up in one sentence - no spoilers. What is it really about?
2. The Bishops look like the perfect couple from the outside. What is the first crack you noticed in that image?
3. The story alternates between Avery's first-person chapters and Marissa's third-person chapters. Whose version of the marriage did you believe first - and why?
4. Avery Chambers takes on couples other therapists will not touch. What did you think of her when she first appeared - impressive, alarming, or both?
5. The book opens on a marriage already in trouble. Did you sympathise with Marissa, with Matthew, or with neither - and what made you choose?
6. Trust is the book's real subject. Who did you trust in the first fifty pages, and what earned that trust?
7. Avery has rules - ten sessions, her way. Did her confidence reassure you or worry you?
8. The suburban setting does a lot of work in this book. How does the world of dinner parties and school gates shape the story?
9. Which scene made you put the book down and think - and what were you thinking about?
10. The authors write in short chapters that end on small hooks. Did that pace pull you forward, or did you want the book to slow down?
11. If you had to describe Avery's therapy style in three words, what would they be?
12. Who would you recommend this book to - and who would you warn away from it?

Character Map

Fill this in as you read

Write one line for each character as you meet them - who they are, what they want, and whether you trust them yet. The trust column is the point: come back to it after the last page and see how many of your first judgements survived. The two blank rows are for people you meet later in the book - add them as they appear, without writing down what they turn out to be until the spoiler pages.

Character	Who they are	What they want	Trust? (1-5)
Marissa Bishop	Wife; owns the boutique Coco; the one who seeks Avery's help		
Matthew Bishop	Husband; a lawyer; the one who was cheated on		
Avery Chambers	Former therapist, now a consultant; lost her licence; runs a ten-session programme		
Bennett Bishop	Marissa and Matthew's eight-year-old son		
Polly Walker	Marissa's assistant at the boutique Coco		
Natalie	A woman who takes an interest in Matthew		
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Three questions to carry while you read

1. Which character's version of the marriage do you believe first - and does that change? 2. When Avery breaks a rule, do you cheer her on or worry about her? 3. Who in this book is keeping the biggest secret - and is it the person you expected?