

READING GROUP QUESTIONS

1. For all her faults, Mia's commitment to Elliot never wavers. Ryan says she is an amazing mother – do you agree?
2. Siobhan hoped that Tara's overseas experience would help her grow up a bit. Do you think Siobhan should have better prepared Tara for living away from home?
3. To what extent did Ryan's poor self-worth play a part in the events of the novel?
4. Do you think Kane, Beth's ex-husband, was capable of becoming a better person with his new partner, Georgia?
5. Mia has lost even more than Siobhan by the end. Do you feel any sympathy for her?
6. Dianne and Mia have a special bond. Discuss the mother-in-law/ daughter-in-law dynamic in the novel.
7. Charlie is presented as a possible love interest for Beth. Were you disappointed that their relationship turned out to be one of friendship?
8. Discuss the similarities between Beth's marriage and Ryan's.
9. Mia, Beth and Siobhan have one thing in common: they are mothers who would do anything for their children. Discuss how this commonality presents in different ways for each woman.
10. The novel's title, *The Other Side of Her*, could be applied to Mia, Tara, or even Beth, who found a strength she didn't know she had. Which character do you think the title best applies to?