

Reading Group Guide

And Then There Was One

1. What more could Katie and Scott have done to find their missing daughters? Were they too emotional? Not emotional enough? Were they cooperative with law enforcement? Did they support each other? Were these reactions that you could have expected? If not, what were you looking for?
2. Did you believe that Katie's job as a pediatric forensic psychiatrist had triggered the kidnapping? Do you feel that her job may have compromised the safety of her children? How about Scott, did you think there was retribution for some of the tough decisions he had to make in baseball?
3. Could this abduction have been prevented by more intense supervision? Is it appropriate to let two nine-year-olds go into a movie theater by themselves when the responsible adult is in the theatre next door?
4. The triplets had different personalities, but did you think they shared a single value system? Which did you think was the most "at risk" from an emotional point of view?
5. Do you believe that there are people like Marge in society that can suddenly act on an impulse that in their mind "rights a wrong"? Can such a radical action be predicted or prevented? What do you think of Marge's effort to balance compromising her son with protecting "Jessica and Jennifer"?
6. If the outcome had been different, and Alex and Sammie had not been found, what would you predict for Jackie's future well-being?
7. Do you think that there will be changes in the Monroe family (in addition to Jake and Aidan Cutty) once the girls are home and resettled?