

Reading Group Guide

Twisted Justice

1. *Twisted Justice*, although a mystery, is propelled by family dynamics. Do you feel that Laura and Steve value family in the same way or is there a fundamental disconnect in their marriage?
2. Laura as “every woman” has strengths and foibles. Do think that the extraordinary circumstances that she faces are of her own making or out of her control?
3. For a parent, separation from one's children is perhaps the most basic instinctual fear. How much do you think that this fear drives Laura? Steve?
4. In the Nelson family, do you think that Laura has consciously put her children before her husband? And if so, do you think that's justified? Do you think that's typical of most mothers?
5. How do you judge Laura's moral righteousness: her reaction to Steve vs. the secrets she has kept from him? Does she hold herself to a different code of moral values?
6. Is Kim a sympathetic character?
7. Steve is portrayed as the villain, but does he have redeeming qualities?
8. Laura's immediate reaction to Steve and Kim triggers the chain of events that lead to tragic consequences. How would you see Laura and Steve's future had she not acted so precipitously?
9. Who were the victims in *Twisted Justice*? In the end was justice served?