



BOOKCLUB QUESTIONS

- ✓ What do you think was the author's motivation for writing the memoir as she did?
- ✓ How did the author create interest and engagement in the book? What were the main events or turning points that shaped Jennifer's life story? Her mother, Anna's?
- ✓ What were some of your favorite scenes from the book? Why did they stand out to you?
- ✓ How did the author explore topics such as identity, family, and relationships across generations?
- ✓ How did the book make you feel? Did it evoke any emotions? Make you laugh, cry, or cringe?
- ✓ In *Both Sides of Then*, there's a deep exploration of identity, particularly as a woman at 50. How has your perspective on identity evolved, and what do you hope readers take away from this aspect of your journey?
- ✓ How did this book impact your thoughts and feelings about your relationship with your mother?
- ✓ How thought-provoking did you find the book? Did the book change your opinion about anything, or did you learn something new from it? If so, what?
- ✓ Did you highlight or bookmark any passages from the book? Did you have a favorite quote or quotes? If so, share which and why?
- ✓ How did you experience going back and forth between the two narratives?
- ✓ Did your feelings about *Roe* change/evolve after reading Anna's story?
- ✓ Family secrets are a central theme in the book, what were the most powerful scenes related to this theme?
- ✓ What did you learn from the book? What did it teach you about yourself or others?
- ✓ How relevant or relatable are the themes/messages of the book to your own life? Society today?
- ✓ How would you adapt this book into a movie? Who would you cast in the leading roles?