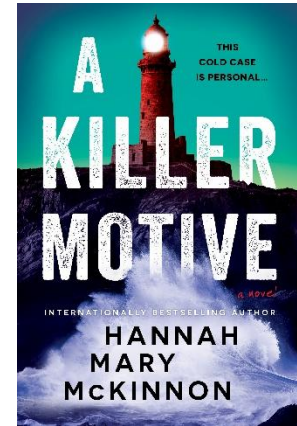


# A KILLER MOTIVE

## Discussion Questions

Please note these questions contain **MAJOR SPOILERS**.  
You may wish to review them after you've finished the novel.



1. A central theme of *A Killer Motive* is how women are underestimated (including by each other and themselves). Did you catch yourself doing this with some of the characters? If so, which ones, when, and why?
2. What did you make of Stella not being truthful with Jeff about her not being ready for a baby? Did you agree with her motivations and/or actions? What might've happened to their relationship if she'd been honest with him?
3. At one point Stella says, "The Dixons . . . we're messed up. Broken. All of us. In fact, as far as I'm concerned, it's better if our branch of the family tree withers and dies." Could you relate to any of their family dynamics? If you were Stella, would you have tried to mend the broken bond with your mother following Max's disappearance? If so, how?
4. If you were Stella, would you have told anyone about Anwir? How might you have handled the situation in order to find Kenji and get the information Anwir allegedly had about Max?
5. Did your allegiances shift during the story? Toward whom, why, and when?
6. What did you consider to be the most surprising scene in the book? What shocked you? What was your favorite scene?
7. A lot of the characters had secrets and told lies throughout the book. Which do you think were the worst? If any of those people had told the truth earlier, do you think Max or Kenji would have been rescued sooner?
8. Who did you think the antagonist was? Did your suspicions change throughout the novel? Were you surprised by the reveal?
9. How did you feel about the chapters written from Charlene's point of view, and their evolution? What did you make of her decades-old manipulation and subterfuge?

10. How did the book change your understanding and perception of female serial killers? Have you or will you read some of the nonfiction books and/or the article mentioned in the Author's Note?
11. What do you think might happen to Stella, Najwa, and Andrea versus Charlene Thornton now? Will this trio of strong women finally be able to take our cunning antagonist down?