



READING GUIDE

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17 Years Later

J.P. Pomare

In short

A pacy and twisty thriller exploring themes of race and class.

Synopsis

The violent slaughter of the Primrose family while they slept shocked the nation. Their young live-in chef, Bill Kareama, was swiftly charged with murder and brought to justice. But the brutal crime scarred the idyllic town of Cambridge forever.

Seventeen years later, true-crime podcaster Sloane Abbott tracks down prison psychologist TK Phillips. Once a fierce campaigner for an appeal, TK now lives a quiet life with Bill's case firmly in his past. As Sloane lures a reluctant TK back into the fight, evidence emerges that casts new light on the Primroses - and who might have wanted them dead. While the list of suspects grows, Bill's innocence is still far from assured. What will it cost Sloane and TK to uncover the truth?

Discussion points

1. How do Sloane Abbott and TK Phillips evolve throughout the story? What motivates their actions, and how do their backgrounds influence their decisions?
2. What are the central themes of the novel? How does the book explore the concepts of justice, truth, and redemption?
3. Were you surprised by the twists and turns in the story? Which twist did you find the most shocking, and why?
4. What did you think of the ending? Were all your questions answered, or were there any loose ends?

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