



READING GUIDE

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Mrs Quinn's Rise To Fame

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In short

A feel-good, comforting novel that's as delicious and comforting as a freshly baked sponge.

Synopsis

Jennifer Quinn has a secret. Her love of baking has just won her a spot as a contestant on a primetime TV show. It's only the second time in 59 years that she's kept something from her beloved husband Bernard.

She's about to be whisked into an unfamiliar world of cameras, timed challenges and celebrity judges. She could be in with a chance of being crowned the best baker in Britain.

But, as Mrs Quinn's quiet ambitions turn into unexpected stardom, the other secret she's been keeping is in danger of resurfacing. It was supposed to stay hidden forever.

Will Mrs Quinn rise to the challenge? Or, will her success become a recipe for disaster?

Discussion points

1. Jenny keeps a lifelong secret from her beloved husband, Bernard. Do you think it's okay to keep secrets from loved ones in certain circumstances?
2. "Whilst bodies age, souls don't" is the epigraph by Delia Smith. How far do you agree with this statement? What age do you think your soul is?
3. Of all the bakes featured in the novel, which would you most like to try?
4. How do you imagine that Jenny's relationship with her son progresses after the book ends?

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