

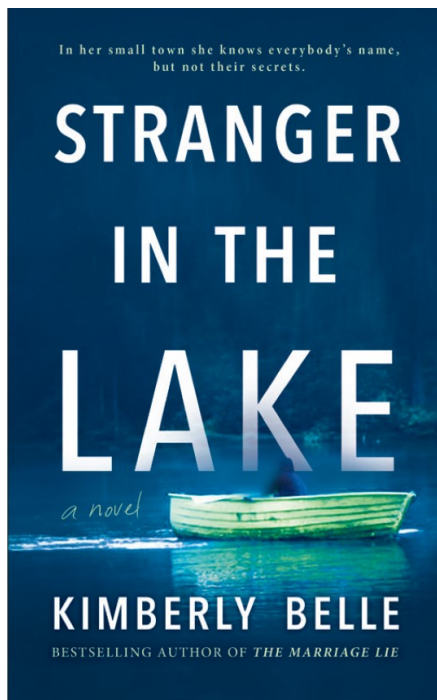
**Three Days Missing Readers Questions. Please note :: spoilers ahead! Proceed accordingly.**

1. Kat and Stef come from very different walks of life, made even more apparent when their paths cross in a shocking way. Did you sympathize with one mother more than the other? How did those feelings change as the story progressed? Do you think they could be friends under other circumstances?
2. As a single parent, Kat struggles to balance her personal and professional lives, and feels like she's failing her son. Are her feelings grounded, considering what she's been through? Are there ways she could better balance work and home? Do you think many single parents feel this way?
3. In contrast, Stef seems to have the perfect life: money, prominence in the community, a popular son and a loving husband. Do you think she's really happy? Are there parts of her life that seem ingenuine to you? What do you think the future holds for Kat and Stef?
4. The final straw for Kat's marriage was the very public attack at a CVS parking lot. How do you think this changed Kat's view of divorce, and of herself as a victim of domestic abuse? Why did she choose to stay with him until that point? How does her story impact your view of domestic abuse?
5. Kat has a hard time finding forgiveness for Andrew, especially because he's never asked for it. Does he deserve her forgiveness, and does a person have to apologize in order to be forgiven? What are some ways you've been able to let go of anger toward someone who has not expressed regret?
6. When Sammy is caught in a lie, he points to his father's campaign promises, saying, "Dad does it. He said he'd get more trains for the city even though there wasn't any money. He lies all the time." Even unintentionally, was Sam teaching his son to lie? What kinds of parenting mistakes do you think Sam and Stef made, and how should they go about correcting them?
7. After the attack, Kat takes out a restraining order against her husband, but she struggles with co-parenting when physical and phone contact is forbidden. Is co-parenting with an abusive ex possible? What would you do if you were in Kat's shoes?
8. Besides Sammy, who were the bullies in this story? What do you think will become of them? What kinds of people do you think Sammy and Ethan will grow up to be?
9. A compass plays a reoccurring role in this story. Discuss its significance and why you think the author selected to use it as a motif. Were you surprised when it reappeared at the end?
10. Speaking of the ending, did you anticipate this one? Knowing who the kidnapper is now, discuss the clues that the author left for the reader along the way. And what about Ethan's secret, was he right to keep it? Did keeping silent give him the revenge he'd been looking for?

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