



# BOOK CLUB KITS

## THIS KIT CONTAINS

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

### *THE WOMEN* BY KRISTIN HANNAH

- 1) Did you serve in the Vietnam War or know someone who did? Start your discussion by opening up conversation for anyone to share their background. This will give your club a better understanding of perspectives and emotions that people may be carrying.
- 2) How did the death of her brother impact Frankie's life as a Vietnam nurse? What were your thoughts on the family hero wall throughout the story. Did your opinion on the wall change at any point?
- 3) "Women can be heroes" was a profound moment for Frankie at the beginning of the story. Discuss how that continued to be represented throughout the novel. Share a piece of advice that has made a profound impact in your life.
- 4) Discuss Frankie's parents' reactions to her enrolling in the Army. Did you think their reactions were warranted?
- 5) When Frankie arrives in Vietnam, she is quickly thrust into an emergency situation. Discuss how this moment helped establish her friendship with Barb and Ethel. How did their friendship help them survive the war and cope with its aftermath?
- 6) Discuss the treatment of nurses when they returned from Vietnam. Were you surprised by the lack of support and recognition they received as veterans? Why do you think that was the case?
- 7) Frankie had several romantic relationships throughout the book – Jamie, Rye, Henry. Discuss how these relationships were different and how they each impacted her views.
- 8) The title of the book is "The Women." How do you feel the book represented the women's experience of the Vietnam war? Do you think the book shared an accurate depiction of women in
- 9) Frankie struggled greatly when she returned home from war. Discuss what external and internal factors played a part in her mental state. Were you surprised by the lack of welcome and appreciation from the American people?
- 10) What was your reaction when Frankie found out her parents kept her tour a secret from their friends and community members?