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Book club discussion guide

1. Frank, while gone, could still be considered a significant character in *Happy Hour*. How do you think the presence of Frank in the photographs contributes to the narrative? What does Franny's conversations with him reveal to us?
2. Franny loves to cook, which of the meals that she cooks would you most like to try? Have you tried the recipe in the back of the book?
3. Franny is part of an online book club as she likes the anonymity. Do you prefer online or in person reading groups and why?
4. Franny struggles with finding forgiveness for Chris throughout the novel. How do you think you would feel in Franny's position?
5. Franny is a complex character who is struggling with immense grief, and her ability to connect with others because of it. She often comes across as cold or cruel in her attempts to protect herself from further hurt. How did you feel about how Franny treated those who used to be closest to her?
6. Motherhood is another central theme in the book. Both Sallyanne and Franny have struggled with their identity as a mother, Sallyanne feeling that she fails to be a good single parent and Franny believing that she was never meant to be a mother after the death of Tilly. Franny also has people ask her multiple times why she chose not to have children.
7. What did you think of the ending of the book? Were all your questions answered?
8. Who was your favourite character in the book and why?
9. Are there any titles like *Happy Hour* you would recommend? Why?