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Book club discussion guide

1. Gemma is often referred to as 'unlikeable' but many people admire her grit and bluntness. What do you think, do you like her?
2. There are several moments in this book where Gemma feels she can't trust anyone. Who were you most suspicious of, and why?
3. Gemma's dad kept a lot of secrets from her over a long period of time. Do you think this was justified and would you forgive him?
4. Carlyle Kirk was convinced he was conducting experiments for the greater good and managed to convince several people to join him on his quest. What did you think of his endeavours? And what were your feelings toward Gemma's half-sister?
5. Jonesy is such an important figure in Gemma's life but when Minnie tells her what he did Gemma believes her. How did you feel about his behaviour and explanation?
6. Like many crime novels, *Body of Lies* is set in a small regional town. Why do you think this setting works so well for this genre?
7. Who was your favourite character in the novel, and why?
8. What other books are on your to-be-read pile right now?