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Book club discussion guide

1. *How to Kill Your Family* is about grotesque wealth, dreadful people and one increasingly vengeful woman on a murderous mission. It's also very funny. How do you think the author pulls this off?
2. Most of the book is narrated using a first person, confessional style. How does this make you feel about Grace and her murderous mission?
3. Grace Bernard has been described as 'an antiheroine able to best villainous male protagonists such as Patrick Bateman any day' (The Observer) – do you think her revenge killings are committed in cold blood, or does she feel remorse?
4. Lots of reader reviews comment on the scathing social satire in the novel – Grace definitely doesn't take any prisoners! – what did you think of these aspects?
5. Bella talks about growing up on a reading diet of true crime stories. Do you think these have influenced her writing?
6. Her murders are inventive to say the least! Do you have a favourite method? And did you notice that the murders are intentionally not gory or gratuitous?
7. Grace is a divisive character... do you think she should get away with her crimes?