

This reading group guide for *Until It Fades* includes discussion questions and ideas for enhancing your book club. The suggested questions are intended to help lead your reading group to find moments in the story that stick with you and create thoughtful discussion.

### **Description for Until It Fades:**

Twenty-four-year-old truck stop waitress and single mother Catherine Wright has simple goals: to give her five-year-old daughter a happy life and to never again be the talk of the town in Balsam, Pennsylvania (population three thousand outside of tourist season).

And then one foggy night, on a lonely road back from another failed date, Catherine saves a man's life. It isn't until after the police have arrived that Catherine realizes exactly who it is she has rescued: Brett Madden, hockey icon and media darling.

Catherine has already had her fifteen minutes of fame and the last thing she wants is to have her past dragged back into the spotlight, only this time on a national stage. So she hides her identity. It works. For a time.

But when she finds the man she saved standing on her doorstep, desperate to thank her, all that changes. There's an immediate connection, and it's more electric than the bond of two people who endured a traumatic event. It's something neither of them expected. Something that Catherine isn't sure she can handle; something she is afraid to trust.

Because how long can an extraordinary man like Brett be interested in an ordinary woman like Catherine...before the spark fades?

### **Topics & Questions for Discussion**

1. Years later, Catherine is still reeling from the fallout of the scandal with her teacher when she was in high school. Do you think people were justified in their treatment of her, or should they have been more understanding about the fact that she was still essentially a child when everything happened? Have you seen situations like this arise in your own community and, if so, how did people react?
2. How do you feel about the way Hildy Wright handled the affair? What, if anything, do you think you would do differently as a parent in this situation?
3. The relationship between Catherine and her mother was strained at times, but Catherine had a strong relationship with Lou. What are your feelings about the evolution of those two relationships throughout the book?
4. After Catherine is identified as the person who saves Brett from the accident, she is swarmed by the media for her side of the story. Would you have avoided the media as Catherine did? Would you give that interview? What are your thoughts on how the interview plays out and the events that follow?
5. What did you think about the use of flashbacks mixed throughout the chapters?
6. Brenna and Catherine create the Gingerbread house sketchbook. What are your thoughts about Brett making this dream a reality?
7. There is a truth brought to light by Misty. Do you agree with the decisions that Catherine made? And were you surprised by Brett's reaction?

8. Are there any scenes or quotes you re-read or highlighted? If so, which ones and why did they stand out for you?

### **Enhance Your Book Club**

1. Invite your book club members to come together for a hockey-themed get together. Wear your favorite hockey team's gear, and snack on game night snacks, and drinks.