FAMILY SHATTERED
BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

Thank you for choosing Family Shattered for your book club.

Although this is my family's story, the issues it raises go well beyond our experience. Trust, family relationships, vulnerability, and recognizing manipulation are all worth talking about.

I hope my story encourages you to trust your instincts, ask questions, and speak up when something doesn't feel right.

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Discussion Questions

1. What was your first impression of the story? Did your feelings change as you continued reading?
2. Was there someone in the book you particularly related to, even if you didn’t agree with their decisions?
3. Looking back, were there early warning signs that stood out to you? At what point did you begin to feel something wasn’t right?
4. Do you think loneliness and the desire for companionship can sometimes cause an older person to overlook warning signs?
5. Why do you think family members can witness the same events but come away with such different opinions?
6. How can we tell the difference between someone who genuinely cares and someone who may have other intentions?

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7. How and when should we step in to protect an ageing parent? If they refuse to leave their home despite warning signs, how far should we intervene?
8. How important was documenting events as they unfolded, and do you think it made a difference?
9. Various professionals were made aware of the family's concerns, yet little action was taken. Why do you think they were reluctant to intervene, and could their actions have changed the outcome?
10. What part of the story affected you most, and why?
11. After reading Family Shattered, is there anything you would approach differently if you encountered a similar situation in your own family?
12. Do you think it's fair that a new spouse can gain significant legal rights and decision-making authority through marriage, regardless of how short the relationship has been? Should there be additional safeguards when an older person may be vulnerable?