

Sisters in Pieces Book Club Discussion Questions:

This book of short stories falls together to become a novel. Were there particular stories or characters which caught your attention? What was it about those stories that stood out? Did you have any trouble reading a series of short stories rather than a continuous novel?

A few of the stories are written in a non-traditional manner - Johnny Heartburn, Archives, Signs, Sleep Tight George Orwell. How do you feel about this method of storytelling?

The three sisters, Miriam, Callie and Phoebe, have a difficult relationship. What sustains the gap? Should families stick together, no matter what?

The characters in the book have communication problems. Do you know someone with similar patterns of dysfunctional communication? How does this way of interacting impact not only the speaker but the listener?

Consider the book's title. How does one become "whole" after being split in to pieces?

In the story Assassin, Phoebe kills a man. Is she really a hero or does the whole idea of taking someone's life trump the value of what she does?

In the story toomanydates.com, Miriam finds out some things about herself. Are people really that influenced by labels given to them by others? Have you ever had a label you have to live up to, in a negative or positive way?