

# Book Club

## Discussion Questions

Not Here to Be Liked – Michelle Quach

1. Why do you think Len was picked over Eliza to be Editor in Chief?
2. Eliza says that 'girls get judged for their past, boys get judged for their potential'. Do you agree? How is this shown across the novel?
3. Eliza talks about cultural identity and belonging across the book. What issues do you think she faces with her identity and sense of belonging? What issues do you think other characters face about their cultural identity and the stereotypes associated with it?
4. Winona questions whether Serena is a feminist but Eliza questions that maybe she comes at it from a different place. What do you think feminism is? Do you think there are different forms of it? How are male characters in the novel shown to be feminists too?
5. Eliza's mom tells her that 'You have to be careful when you're a girl.' Do you agree with her? Where is/ isn't this shown in the novel?
6. How does the relationship between Eliza and Len develop over the novel?
7. Do you think Len faces any difficulties because he is male?
8. How does Eliza judge other girls in the novel? What does she learn as the novel progresses? Are we all guilty of this? Who else learns from their judgement of others?
9. How do Eliza and Kim fulfil the expectations their parents set out for them of Kim being the pretty one and Eliza being the smart one? How are these expectations damaging?
10. Did the novel end how you wanted it to?