

# Book Club

## Discussion Questions

### The Yearbook – Holly Bourne

1. Although Paige's dad is the violent one, Paige's mother's behaviour is also damaging to Paige. Do you have any sympathy for her, or do you think she is as much to blame as Paige's dad is?
2. Red pen writes 'People always believe they're nice in their own heads. That's what makes it so scary when you look at the state of the world.' Do you agree? How does this apply to the characters in the book?
3. Elijah knew who Paige was, but didn't know who two of the most 'popular' boys in her year were. What does that suggest to you about the notion of popularity?
4. Do you think Adam should do more to help Paige? Do you think he is as selfish as Paige believes he is?
5. Paige's anti-bullying comments in the toilets prompt others to do the same. How is she showing that she can make a difference? How does this give us hope?
6. What role does Aunt Polly play in the novel?
7. Elijah helps Paige to open up more than anyone has. Why do you think this is?
8. Aunt Polly says 'I believe that if you're told the same story over and over about who you are, even if it isn't the truth, it starts to feel true, and therefore it starts to be true, and then it becomes your own story.' Which characters in the book does this ring true for? Which characters are trying to write their own stories?
9. Does the truth set Paige free at the end of the book? Did Paige do the right thing with the yearbook? What would you have done?
10. Paige and Elijah's relationship is the light in the darkness throughout the novel. Did their story end the way you wanted it to? What did their love story teach us?