

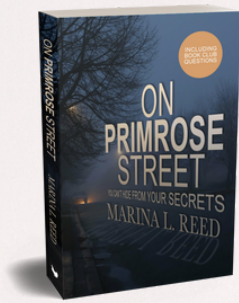


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On Primrose Street

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1. Sexuality is not a one-dimensional subject, and *On Primrose Street* explores this concept. Have you ever had thoughts of being with someone of the same gender, and would you share those with your current spouse or partner? Why or why not?
2. Toxic masculinity is a recent phrase used to describe men who choose bravado and objectify women. What male characters would you say embody this description in *On Primrose Street*, and why?
3. Do you hold a secret that could put you at risk? Who would you feel comfortable sharing it with?
4. Cora and Charlie have been together a long time. Name three things that you think are the reasons for the success in their relationship.
5. Rebecca had a very close relationship with a female friend. How did keeping that secret affect the way she handled Peter's affair? How could things have been different?
6. Why do you think Jessica walked into the fire? What does the fire symbolize?
7. Who are the men in the book that you would love to have a relationship with, and why? (This question is for the men and women in the room).
8. How did the story about Mary affect you in the way she dealt with the loss of Graham?
9. Many of our decisions about sexuality, partner choice, etc., are based on religious teachings. Religions that have killed millions in the name of God, debased women and taken away their rights, killed those who announce homosexuality and forced dysfunction in families to continue because of secrets kept. Do people like Derek and Phil not deserve to be authentic and exist freely? What are the unseen consequences of perpetuating a belief system that is flawed?
10. What was it that empowered Ronald to succeed in school? How can we give that to our own children?
11. Which woman do you identify with in *On Primrose Street*, and why? (Again, men and women, what do you think?)
12. After reading *On Primrose Street*, did you look at your neighbours differently? How would our communities change if everyone were to feel safe, respected, and honoured for who they really are and need to be?