

SWEET BABY LOVER

BOOKCLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. How did you **experience** the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you a while to get into it? If you did become engaged, at what point did it hook you?
2. Consider the **characters**—personality traits, motivations, inner qualities.
 - How would you describe Trent? How would you describe Jule?
 - Why do they do what they do?
 - What choices did they make that were similar to what you would have done, and when did they make a different choice?
 - Did you ever want to “slap upside the head” one or both of them? When?
3. Is the **plot** engaging—does the story interest you? Were there any parts that surprised you? Frightened you? Made you uncomfortable?
4. What would you say are the **themes** of the book? What does the book say about love? Family? Mental health? Death?
5. What **passages** strike you as insightful, even profound? Perhaps a bit of dialog that's funny or poignant or that encapsulates a character? Maybe there's a particular comment that states the book's thematic concerns?

6. Which **scene** resonated the most for you in a positive or negative way?

7. Is the **ending** satisfying? If so, why? If not, why not?

8. Is there anyone in your life that if they died suddenly, you would feel that you left **something unsaid**? What would you want to say to them? What keeps you from saying it now?

9. The book **blurb** asks, "Could they open themselves to love? And if they did, would that be enough?" How would you answer those questions?

10. The author's father wrote, "You must realize that when we cry at reading your words, **we cry for ourselves....**" Do you agree or disagree?

11. Has this book **changed you**—shifted or broadened your perspective? Have you learned something new or been exposed to different ideas?

12. The **author** briefly dated someone in 2012 but no one since. Do you think she will love again or was Trent her one and only? If you could ask Jule a question, what would you ask?

Questions heavily drawn from LitLovers, modified by Jule Kucera.