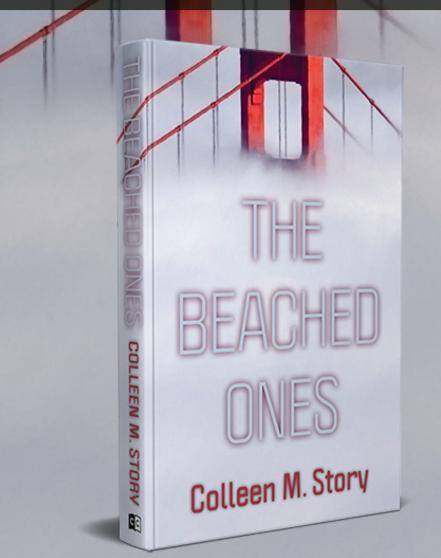
## **BOOK CLUB KIT**



## JULY 2022

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Has your life been touched by suicide? How did it affect you?

2. How close are you with your siblings? Would you spend the last hours of your life trying to get back to one the character Brent of them?

3. What would you say was the theme of the story? Why?

4. Talk about the boy's mother and their relationship to her. How did you feel about her? Did you condemn her for how she treated them, or did you feel compassion for her? Why or why not?

5. Talk about the significance of the toy plane. What role did it play in the story? Did you think that it was effective?

6. Jolene resorted to cutting to try to deal with her emotions. Have you know anyone who suffered this disorder? How did they resolve it?

7. What did you think of Leary? What did he represent?

8. Daniel was dealing with a horrible, traumatic loss. In the face of something that difficult, what do you think is a way to heal?

9. What role did Gus play in the boys' lives? How important was that role? Do you have anyone in **vour life like that?** 

10. Do you think Daniel made the right choice in saving Jolene? Why or why not?

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