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A Letter from Jodie Leigh Murray

Dear Book Club Readers,

Thank you for reading *The Gangster's Daughter*!

This novel never started out this way. It was a far different story years ago, and I took bits and pieces from a story never fully written to apply it to this idea that sparked last summer. The main idea stemmed from a modern-day betrothal. Who would dare to tell their grown child there is a contract that weds them to someone not of their choosing but a gangster? Who would dare threaten their child to hold up their end of the contract but a gangster? The pieces fell together quickly when I sat down and wrote, almost completely wiping out my initial outline. And it worked out well.

Grab some coffee or a glass of wine and discuss *The Gangster's Daughter* with your book club, family or friends.

I included part of my playlist in my July 2023 newsletter, and I've shared it in this kit. Listen to the playlist while you chat about discussion questions. Encourage each other to share opinions, or personal experiences.

Sincerely,

Jodie Leigh Murray

P.S. I would appreciate a review on Amazon or Goodreads. Thanks again!

Playlist



Escapism. By RAYE & 070 Shake

The Way by Zack Hemsey

Give Me Love by Ed Sheeran

Wild Horses by The Sundays

Alive by Poliça

On My Knees by RUFUS DU SOL

Human by Aquilo

Symmetry by SYML

New Gold (feat. Bootie Brown & Tame Impala) by Gorillaz

Cumberland Gap by David Rawlings

Cold by Chris Stapleton

Ultraviolet by Freya Ridings

John Wick Reckoning by Tyler Bates & Joel J. Richard

This Woman's Work by Kate Bush

American Teenager by Ethel Cain

I Am the Fire by Ghost Monroe

Witches by Daughter

Carry Me Home by SOHN

Broken Window Serenade by Whiskey Myers

World Spins Madly On by The Weepies

Discussion Questions



1. What was your expectation about the book before you read it?
2. After reading the book, did your expectations change about it?
3. If someone asked you to summarize this book in ten words or less, what would you say?
4. If this book was made into a movie, would you watch it?
5. If you could give this book a different title, what would it be?
6. Is this book's genre the type you'd usually read?
7. How long did it take you to read this book?
8. What emotions did this book cause you to feel?
9. Did you learn something new about yourself after this book?
10. Did this book evoke a new feeling of empathy for other people and their personal challenges?
11. Did you like or dislike this author's writing style?
12. Is there a quote from the book that stayed with you? What is it, and why?
13. Is there a line from the book that you found unsettling or cringe-worthy?
14. If you could interview the author, what questions would you ask?
15. Have you ever met this author in person? What were your impressions or experience?
16. What character bothered you the most?
17. If you were making a film adaption of this book, who would you cast for each main character, and why?
18. What did you think of the characters' names? Did they match their personalities?

19. If you could rename a character, which character and what would it be?
20. Do you agree with the decisions made by the main character and other characters?
21. Is the book's setting somewhere you'd like to travel to, and why?
22. How does the setting impact the story?
23. Did the world the author creates in the story feel realistic to you or lacking in certain details?
24. If you could make the setting a different location, where would it be, and how would it change the story?
25. Did the author accurately portray the time period, or did you notice inconsistencies?
26. How would you describe the pace of the plot?
27. Were there any plot twists? Were they predictable, or did they take you by surprise?
28. If you could change something that happened in the story, what would it be?
29. Is there an event in the story that stands out to you?
30. Do you agree with the ending?
26. What were some of the themes in the book?
27. Do you think the author covered the theme beautifully or missed an opportunity?
28. Did this book cause you to gain a new perspective?
29. How did this book broaden your view of societal, cultural, or worldwide issues?
30. Did this book leave a lasting impression on you?



About the Author

Jodie Leigh Murray is a self-published author of romantic suspense and historical romance novels. She lives and works out of her home in Buffalo, Minnesota. Jodie has spent most of her life writing as a hobby and professionally. Her first novel, *The Gangster's Daughter*, received three 5-star reviews from Readers' Favorite. Find her on Facebook and Goodreads, and learn more at www.jodieleighmurray.com.