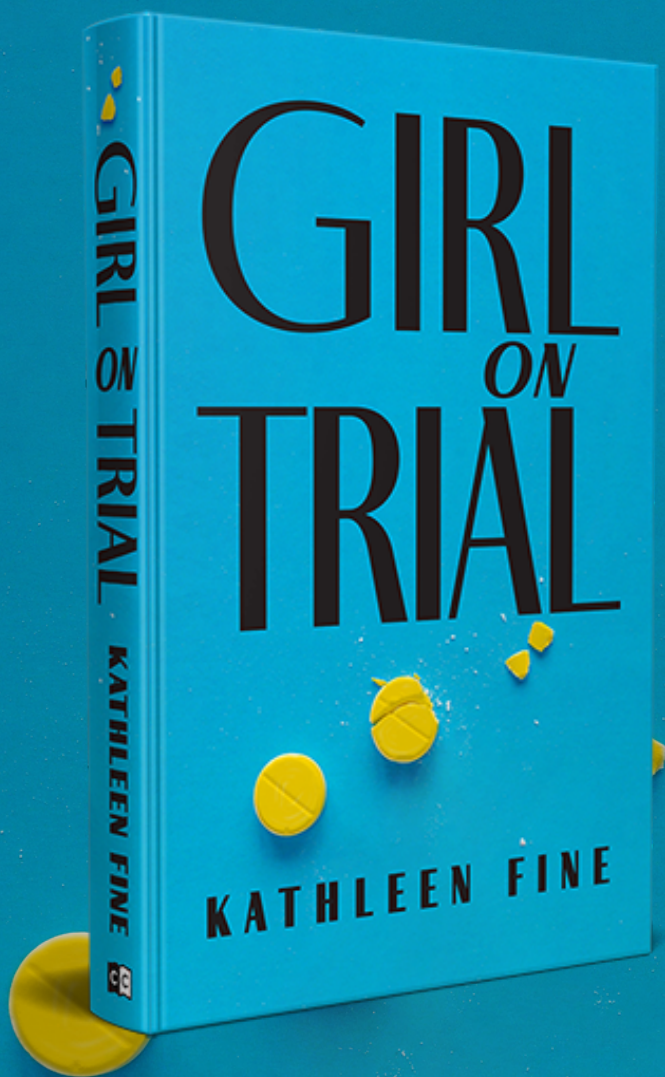


BOOK CLUB KIT



OCTOBER 2023

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think it was a good idea for Emily to give the baby up for adoption? What would you have done if you were her?

2. How do you think Emily's character grew throughout the book? In what ways does she still need to grow?

3. Do you think Debbie and Charlie will stick with their sobriety? How about Emily?

4. Do you think Emily's ultimate punishment for leaving the children alone was fair? What would you have decided if you were the judge?

5. Do you believe Emily is a bad person even after everything that happened?

6. How do you think social media affects teenagers today versus when you were a teen? Is it more helpful or harmful?

7. Do you blame Hannah for any of the tragic events in the novel? Should she take any responsibility?

8. What are your predictions on Emily's future? Will she finish high school? Ever have a successful relationship?

9. Why do you think Emily didn't come to her mom or Nate about the rape sooner? How do you think they would have handled it?

10. Does doing one bad thing make someone a bad person?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Kathleen Fine received her Master's in Reading Education from Towson University and a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from University of Maryland, College Park. She is a member of the Maryland Writers Association, the International Thriller Writers, and the Author's Guild. When she's not writing or selling real estate, she

enjoys spending time with her family, traveling to the Outer Banks, and of course, reading anything she can get her hands on. She currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland, with her husband, three children, and a Sussex Spaniel. *Girl on Trial* is her debut novel.

Praise for *Girl on Trial*:

"Gripping, tragic, but ultimately hopeful."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Reality wars with public perception in *Girl on Trial*, a suspenseful thriller in which a maligned teenager is forced to fight for justice."

—Foreword Reviews

"[A] compassionate, thought-provoking thriller . . ."

—Christie Tate, author of NYT bestseller *Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life*

**“Does one
mistake make me
a bad person?
Can good people
do bad things to
good people?”**