

ONE NIGHT GONE

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Reader's Guide



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does weather become a character in the novel? How do the seasons reflect the tone of each storyline?
2. What links or connections did you see between Maureen and Allison?
3. At one point in the novel, Clay tells Maureen, “Life isn’t a game.” How does this statement play out in the book? What types of games are being played? Who are the manipulators and who are the ones being manipulated?
4. What role does friendship play in the novel? How far would you go to protect your own friends?
5. Discuss Maureen’s obsession with destiny. Was it ever a real, achievable thing, or just an ideal she holds onto to keep her going in life?
6. Discuss the class dynamics of Opal Beach. How do they compare to your own town or city? Were you surprised by the twist of what really happened to Maureen?
7. Did you ultimately forgive Tammy for her involvement with Lorelei? Discuss the idea that society treats women as

disposable. Is this something you see in the world around you? How might we fix it?

8. Were you satisfied with Allison's ending? Do you think she'll be able to avoid similar situations in the future?