

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

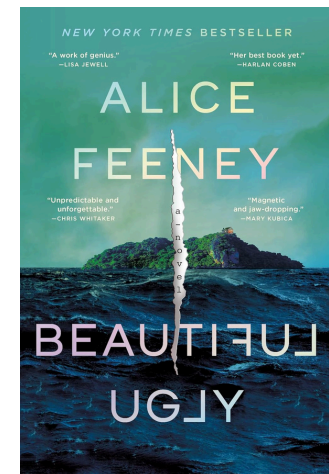
16. Have you read any other books by Alice Feeney? If so, where does *Beautiful Ugly* rank? If not, are you interested in reading more of her novels?

17. If *Beautiful Ugly* was adapted into a movie, which actors would you cast for each character?



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BEAUTIFUL UGLY



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SUMMARY

A year after his wife Abby mysteriously disappeared, author Grady Green, still consumed by grief, retreats to a remote Scottish island only to encounter a woman who looks exactly like the wife he lost.

AUTHOR BIOGRAPHY

Alice Feeney is a British author best known for her New York Times bestselling psychological thrillers like *Sometimes I Lie*, *His & Hers*, *Rock Paper Scissors*, and *Daisy Darker*. She spent 15 years as a BBC journalist before transitioning to writing full-time. Her novels have been translated into many languages and optioned for screen adaptations, including *His & Hers* for Netflix.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.What were your favorite and least favorite moments in the book?
- 2.Did you enjoy the dual timeline and dual point of view structure?
- 3.How does Feeney build a growing sense of unease?
- 4.Have you ever been to Scotland? Could you picture the Isle of Amberly? Do you imagine it as similar to anywhere you've ever traveled?
- 5.What did you think initially happened to Abby?
- 6.Did you find Grady likeable or interesting?
- 7.When did you start to suspect Grady was an unreliable narrator?
- 8.Were you suspicious of the women when it became increasingly difficult for Grady to leave the island?

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- 9.What did you think of Kitty's backstory? Did it surprise you?
- 10.Did you think the Isle of Amberly enhanced the setting of the book?
- 11.Why do you think the women of Amberly were so protective of the island?
- 12.The book features some heavy topics such as grooming, sexual assault, and death. How do you think they were handled?
- 13.Were you able to predict any of the twists or reveals?
- 14.Were any of the reveals particularly shocking?
- 15.What did you think of the ending?