



## BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When readers meet Cecily Brooks, it's clear her mind, her thoughts, tumble through a myriad of reflections, but there's something central to those jumbled thoughts. What?
  - What signs are there that Cecily's "revolt" is beginning?
  - Do you believe Oscar loves Cecily? Why? Why not?
  - Before revelations in later chapters, what is at the heart of the issue affecting Cecily's relationship with "girlfriend," Janyce?
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- Do you think Naomi's exploration of a patient's spiritual views is key to how she counsels them?
  - Are you more focused visually (sight) or aurally (sound) with sex?
  - What do you think is really happening when Oscar "freezes" Cecily out?
  - There are parallels involving the main and secondary storylines—especially the romance elements. Can you identify them?
  - What subtle signs were there that Cecily and Joshua were *friends* in a truer sense (beyond being coworkers)?
  - Did you like the "surprise" character appearance in chapter 16 (so "unexpected")?
  - Naomi sometimes crosses the therapist-boundary with her patients, and there are rules governing the therapist-patient relationship. Naomi boldly (and calmly) contemplates purposeful violation regarding use of the "therapeutic alliance." How regularly do you believe psychiatrists go beyond the prescribed protocol, and do you think, overall, it's a positive "violation" in a patient's best interest?
  - Do you think Naomi will (ever) marry Kevin?

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