



DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. What does the extreme weather add to the narrative? How does it help and hinder the protagonist? Could the weather be a metaphor about grief?
2. What were your first impressions about each of the characters? How did these impressions change as the book unfolds?
3. Mira wants to get home to her grieving mother. How does grief play a role in the book?
4. What would you do if you were offered a ride with strangers? What benefits and costs might you foresee?
5. How does each character's personality lend itself to suspicion?
6. How does this trip change Mira? Where do you see the characters doing after the events of the novel?
7. Who did they originally suspect was stealing their belongings, and how did that change over the course of the book?
8. What are your thoughts on the story structure? How did the letters interspersed throughout the book create tension?
9. How did the police's unresponsiveness make the characters take matters into their own hands?
10. What was your favorite part of the book? Your least favorite?