road trip
carpool conversations

1. Maeve and Therese's family history drives their story in the novel. What role do you think past family history plays in your life today?

2. When the book opens, sisters Therese and Maeve have a rocky relationship. Why can it be hard for sisters to get along?

3. The text often inserts old letters from Kathleen to her brother, Tommy. Do you keep any old letters? Who are they from and what do they mean to you?

4. Kathleen's story of moving to the United States is shown and described in great detail. What do you know about your family's history?

5. To Maeve, being in Ireland is like wearing a pair of shoes that is already broken in. Have you ever had the chance to make a homeland trip to see where your ancestors had lived?

6. Throughout the course of the novel, both sisters have romantic encounters. What did you think about the development of the two romantic relationships? Which one did you root for more?



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