

The Moonlit Maze

QUESTIONS FOR READING GROUPS

What do you think about the way Jude's life changed so abruptly after her mother's death, and how close she lived to poverty after aging out of foster care? Should there be more support for young adults who are leaving care?

What do you feel is most memorable or interesting about the setting of Winterthorne? Where would you choose to visit if you could see it in real life?

Do you think that Jonathan might have been a different person if he had received psychological treatment after his return from the war?

There are several places in the story where Xanthe talks about her unique experience of the world and how she has struggled to fit in. The author wrote these to suggest that Xanthe may be on the Autism spectrum. Does this change your view of Xanthe, or inform your own understanding of Autism?

Which character do you feel changed more throughout the course of the story: Xanthe, or Jude?

Do you think that Jude really altered the past when she helped Xanthe during the fire?

What did you think about the way time works throughout the book? Can you imagine that the past is still happening side-by-side with the present?

During the early 20th century, hundreds of stately homes were sold or destroyed. Do you feel any sympathy for Lord Kearsley's attempts to save his family estate, even though he was dishonest in the way he went about it?

