

THE SECRETS OF LAKE ROAD

Reading Group Questions

- 1) Who is your favorite character? Why? Who is your least favorite character? Why?
- 2) Gram is a sharp contrast to Jo's character. Gram wears an apron, cooks, does the laundry and grocery shopping, all the things we typically think of as a good mother doing. Is Jo's way of store-bought cookies and take-out dinners along with her disdain for housework, make her a bad mother? Caroline seems to think so. Is this a fair assessment?
- 3) What parallels do you see between the main characters and the discovery of the little girl?
- 4) Each character discovers something about themselves. What do you think it is?
- 5) Do you feel Kevin is justified in his actions?
- 6) Jo feels that her dreams as a teenager were thwarted by motherhood. Do you think this is fair?
- 7) Whom do you think Jo would have chosen if the worst hadn't happened?
- 8) What does the lake represent to each of the characters?
- 9) The lake community is insulated from the outside world in terms of geography. Would the story have worked in a more urban environment?