

# BURNING DISTANCE

## BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Lizzy's father's words echo throughout Lizzy's story. Do you think they prove to be true? Can you site any examples?
2. Why do you think Lizzy and Adil fall in love? Are they a modern-day Romeo and Juliet?
3. What interrupts their love story?
4. What brings them together? Do they overcome the obstacles?
5. What is the effect of Lizzy's father's life and death on Lizzy's life and on her mother's and sisters' lives?
6. Why does Lizzy's mother say Lizzy is "racing into the darkness"? Is her mother right? Is Lizzy right? What is Miriam West afraid of? Why isn't Lizzy afraid?
7. Do you think Lizzy made the right decision as to whom she married? Why? Why not?
8. What are the effects of Gerhard Wagner and his actions on the West family? On society at large?
9. What is Winston's emotional journey in the book?
10. Which of the four sisters do you most admire or identify with—Lizzy, Jane, Sophie, Pickles?
11. What path would you predict going forward for Lizzy? For Adil? For Ramsay?
12. How important are the world events around you in the living of your life? How does that compare with the West family?
13. What do you think happened to Gerhard Wagner?
14. What does "burning distance" mean?
15. What event does *Burning Distance* foreshadow?