

An Anonymous Girl

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Discussion Questions

- 1. When the book begins we learn that Jess is a makeup artist in NYC. She says that her job is to create transformations but it's only a temporary fix and people will revert to their former selves. What do you think she meant by this? Why do you think she chose to work in that field?
- 2. Why did Jess decide to participate in the study initially? Would you participate in a study like this? Why or why not?
- 3. The story is told in the first-person perspective of Jess and the second-person for Dr. Shields. What did you think about this writing style? How did it help build suspense?
- 4. Jess tells her parents she's still involved with doing makeup for Broadway shows when in reality she's a free-lance artist who does makeup for 'random' people—going on a night out or celebrating an anniversary. Why did Jess hide the truth from her parents? What was she afraid of?
- 5. Dr. Shields starts to manipulate Jess by paying her a large sum of money for the sessions and buying her gifts. Are you surprised she didn't ask more questions about Dr. Shields's study or do you think she was blinded by the money and attention? Why do you think she felt comfortable enough to tell Dr. Shields's about what really happened to her sister Becky?
- 6. What was the turning point for Jess to start to suspect that Dr. Shields was manipulating and using her? Why did she trust Thomas? Did you trust him at first? And on the flip side, when did Dr. Shields start to suspect that Jess was hiding things from her?
- 7. What did you think about all the reveals—Dr. Shields giving the pills to April and manipulating her and her final action in the end? . What happens next for Jess?





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