

Hurting Distance

Reading Group Questions

1. Is Naomi a reliable or unreliable narrator?
2. Do you agree with the 'hurting distance' theory - that we can only be deeply hurt by those close to us?
3. Naomi believes that victims are expected to think and behave in a certain way - do you agree?
4. Naomi's lies about Robert at the start of the book save his life. Do you think this justifies her actions?
5. There is only one character in the novel who commits murder, though many others commit non-fatal crimes. Is the murderer the most morally culpable person in the book?