

Resource 2:

### **Book Group Discussion Questions**

*Fingerprint: One Woman's Journey Through Loss, Love and Very Little Babies* is such a moving story, in part, because Ms. Printz Roday's experiences are so relatable. We have all suffered loss, felt grief, been touched by love, known humiliation, understood challenges and believed in hope.

Spoiler alert: The topics suggested by these discussion questions assume that the book has been read. If you haven't yet read the book, it's suggested that you wait to review these questions.

1. After reading about the night Lisa's father died, what was your opinion of Lisa's mother? How did her reaction make you feel? How do you think you would handle a similar situation? How did your opinion of Sonny evolve during the book?
2. How would you characterize the use of humor throughout the book?
3. What do you think was the most challenging experience Lisa shared in the book? Why did you choose it?
4. What part of the book most touched you?
5. Did any part of the book make you angry? What?
6. What should doctors do when medical advances outpace legal boundaries?
7. Throughout the book, Lisa navigates the delicate balance between career ambitions, personal relationships, and motherhood. How do you think society's expectations of women have evolved in terms of "having it all," and what hidden costs or compromises still exist in trying to balance these different roles?
8. Were you rooting for Lisa and the Rogue Prince, or were you hoping a heavy object would fall on his head? Or a little of both?
9. Were you surprised by the identity of the Rogue Prince?
10. When do you think the Roday's should have been consulted about the heroic measures taken to save Harrison, if at all? Should they have been asked about their wishes regarding resuscitation before his delivery?
11. Who in Lisa's life do you most admire and why?
12. Lisa highlights the significant impact that the public events of 1969 had on her life. Have you experienced a public event that influenced you? If so, which event was it, and how did it shape your life?
13. Lisa describes the rough patch in her marriage in detail. What do you think motivated her to stay married?
14. In what ways do you believe Lisa's NICU experience could have differed if she hadn't had the financial resources and healthcare support available to her?

15. What are some examples from the book where you admired Lisa's bravery? Examples where you were disappointed in her behavior or thought she should have handled something differently than she did?
16. What lesson from Harvey most resonated with you?
17. Lisa suggests that her father's death became a source of strength rather than defeat. What do you think determines whether a tragedy breaks us or builds us up?
18. The memoir touches on how gratitude can emerge from hardship. In what ways might experiencing loss and difficulty deepen our capacity for appreciation and joy? How does this paradox play out in Lisa's story?