



The Dinner List

by Rebecca Serle

PLEASE NOTE: In order to provide reading groups with the most informed and thought-provoking questions possible, it is necessary to reveal important aspects of the plot of this novel—as well as the ending. If you have not finished reading *The Dinner List*, we respectfully suggest that you may want to wait before reviewing this guide.

1. Once Sabrina arrives at the dinner and is greeted by everyone, she thinks, “I didn’t really think this through. When I chose each of these five people to be on my list, it was entirely about me. I didn’t think how they’d get along together.” Why do you think Sabrina chose the people she did, and how do they all play their part as the evening progresses?
2. *The Dinner List* has been called a romantic comedy by reviewers and critics. How does Rebecca Serle both meet the expectations of a romantic comedy and also subvert them?
3. Rebecca doesn’t explain the magic of why the dinner takes place; it just simply does for Sabrina. Did you appreciate this choice or would you have liked a bit more explanation? Why do you think Sabrina had this magical dinner?
4. Were you surprised about what happened to Tobias? How does the novel change once this is revealed?
5. Did you end up marrying the first love of your life?
6. How does the dinner help Sabrina heal her relationship with Jessica?

7. Rebecca uses the dinner as a framework to explore Sabrina's tumultuous twenties. How does this unique structure help to add tension? Were there any twists that took you by surprise?
8. What do you think the novel ultimately has to say about love? What do you think it has to say about family?
9. Why do you think the author chose Audrey Hepburn as her celebrity guest?
10. This final one is easy: Who would be on your dinner list?