

## **Book Club Questions**



- 1. What did you think of the opening chapters and the introduction of Big Ammachi as a young bride?
- 2. How does the family's "Condition" drive the narrative?
- 3. How does the setting of Kerala shape the story?
- 4. Did you find the novel's exploration of faith and spirituality compelling?
- 5. What role does water play in the novel, both literally and metaphorically?
- 6. Which character did you connect with the most, and why?
- 7. How does the novel address the themes of love and loss?
- 8. How does the historical context, including colonialism and independence, influence the story?
- 9. What did you think of Verghese's writing style?
- 10. How does the novel handle the intersection of medicine and humanity?
- 11. What role does Big Ammachi play in holding the family together?
- 12. How does the story portray generational trauma and healing?
- 13. What do you think the title, The Covenant of Water, signifies?
- 14. How did you feel about the ending? Was it satisfying?
- 15. Did the book make you think differently about family dynamics?
- 16. How do the women in the novel shape its narrative?
- 17. What role does forgiveness play in the novel?
- 18. How does the novel explore the idea of legacy?
- 19. Did you notice any parallels between characters in different generations?
- 20. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?