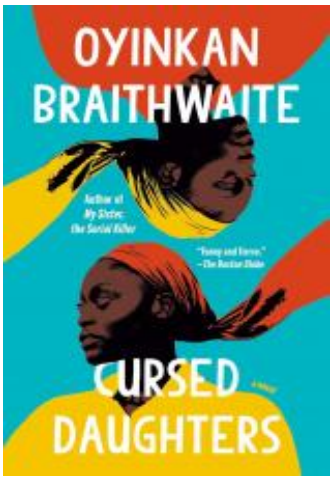
# Cursed Daughters

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## About the Book

**A young woman must shake off a family curse and the widely held belief that she is the reincarnation of her dead cousin in this wickedly funny, brilliantly perceptive novel about love, female rivalry and superstition from the author of the smash hit MY SISTER, THE SERIAL KILLER.**

When Ebun gives birth to her daughter, Eniiyi, on the day they bury her cousin, Monife, there is no denying the startling resemblance between the child and the dead woman. So begins the belief, fostered and fanned by the entire family, that Eniiyi is the actual reincarnation of Monife, fated to follow in her footsteps in all ways, including that tragic end.

There is also the matter of the family curse: *?No man will call your house his home. And if they try, they will not have peace...?* which has been handed down from generation to generation, breaking hearts and causing three generations of abandoned Falodun women to live under the same roof.

When Eniiyi falls in love with the handsome boy she saves from drowning, she can no longer run from her family?s history. As several women in her family have done before, she ill-advisedly seeks answers in older, darker spiritual corners of Lagos, demanding solutions. Is she destined to live out the habitual story of love and heartbreak? Or can she break the pattern once and for all, not only avoiding the spiral that led Monife to her lonely death, but liberating herself from *all* the family secrets and unspoken traumas that have dogged her steps since before she could remember?

CURSED DAUGHTERS is a brilliant cocktail of modernity and superstition, vibrant humor and hard-won wisdom, romantic love and familial obligation. With its unforgettable cast of characters, it asks us what it means to be given a second chance and how to live both wisely and well with what we?ve been given.

## Discussion Guide

**1.** The Falodun women are cursed that ?No man will call your house, home. And if they try, they will not have peace.? Generations later 12-year-old Ebun tells her 16-year-old cousin, Monife, that she doesn?t believe in curses. Monife replies ?what if the curse believes in you?? Do you think the curse is real? How do you think the curse impacted each generation of the Falodun family differently?

**2.** Which of the Falodun women did you connect with most and why?

**3.** Do you see CURSED DAUGHTERS as a love story? What do you think is the central romance of the story?

**4.** How does water (Elugushi Beach and Mami Wata) factor into the lives of the Falodun women? What do you think this says about them?

**5.** Eniiyi studies genetic counseling. How do you think Eniiyi?s studies impact how she views her resemblance to her aunt? How does it impact how she views the Falodun family curse?

**6.** Discuss the differences between Grandma West and Grandma East. How do they support their families? How do their own superstitions impact their daughters?

**7.** When Eniiyi finds an old photo of Monife, she is shocked by her resemblance. Eniiyi assures herself that she is her own person by frequently reminding herself of a distinctive birthmark that Monife lacked. How do you think Eniiyi would have behaved if she had no birthmark?

**8.** The Falodun women are fiercely protective, but also sensitive. How do you see them showing up for each other (or sometimes failing to do so) throughout the story? How about their uncle Tolu?

**9.** What did you think of the different ways of dealing with the curse. What do you think Ebun and Eniiyi end up believing about their own destiny? What do you think the future holds for the Falodun women?

## Author Bio

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