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The Revenge Party

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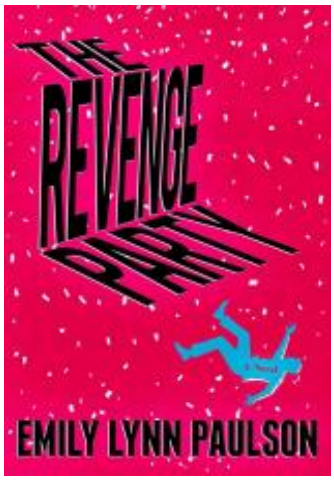

About the Book

"Do you have what it takes to bring down the bad guy?"

When a husband?s lies are no longer a secret and manipulation passes for love, a wife must decide how far she?s willing to go to expose the man she married --- and what justice truly means --- in this dark, modern marriage thriller.

He used women to climb to the top. Now watch him fall.

Devoted mother and party planner Katherine Valentine thought she?d finally found safety when she married Seattle?s golden boy, Shane Sutton. Charming, generous and politically untouchable, he?s the kind of man people protect. But behind the polished façade lurks a predator who collects women like trophies, and Katherine has become his latest prize.

Desperate to protect her children, Katherine devises the perfect plan: use Shane's mistress against him. But Isabella Meyer is no pawn. She didn?t come to be saved. She came to settle a score.

And revenge is only the beginning.

In THE REVENGE PARTY, marriage is a stage, politics is a weapon, and every woman has a reason to lie. A razor-sharp, female-driven psychological thriller of social warfare and buried secrets, when women are pushed past polite.

Twisty, ruthless and absolutely to die for.

Discussion Guide

Questions for Discussion

1. What were some of your favorite scenes from the book? Why did they stand out to you?

2. This story is told through a dual point of view, through Katherine and Isabella. Why do you think the novel was mostly told through both of their points of view rather than just one character? How did it help to build suspense?

3. Who was your favorite character, and why?

4. What did you think of Davis as the novel went on? Did you initially trust him? Whose side did you think he was on?

5. A major theme of this book is how men poorly treat women. However, there are also women who are complicit in this harm as well. Why do you think characters like Shane?s mother and Melanie made the choices they did?

6. In a similar vein, a lot of the women were quick to doubt people like Jessica and others. Why do you think they did this?

7. What did you think of Katherine? Did you agree with her choices, especially when it came to her marriage? What would you have done in her shoes?

8. What did you know about the wellness space before reading this novel? Did it teach you anything new or surprising?

9. Do the scandals in this book remind you of any modern-day political scandals?

10. Which of the many plot twists surprised you the most? Why?

11. Why do you think the book was titled THE REVENGE PARTY?

12. At the end of the novel, we learn a key revelation about Isabella?s past. Did this surprise you? How did you react to this reveal?

Enhance Your Book Club

Here are some fun ideas and activities you can do with your bookish friends at your next THE REVENGE PARTY book club meeting:

1. Host a ?revenge?-themed party. Create fancy cocktails and have everyone dress like they?re attending a political gala (dress code: blacks, reds, pinks). Post photos on social media and tag @emilylynnpaulson.

2. Host a murder mystery party! Create characters based on the book: A cutthroat politician, the slimy womanizer, the book-ban patriot PTA mom, the mistress with a hidden agenda, etc.

3. Write the unsent letter: Have everyone write a letter from Katherine to Shane, Isabella to Katherine, Shane to Isabella, etc.

4. Discuss with your book club: How would you adapt this book into a movie? Who would you cast in the leading roles?

Author Bio

Emily Lynn Paulson is an author and TEDx speaker who examines the messy truths beneath polished lives and the power structures that sustain them. She explores these themes in HIGHLIGHT REAL: Finding Honesty and Recovery Beyond the Filtered Life; HEY, HUN: Sales, Sisterhood, Supremacy, and the Other Lies Behind Multilevel Marketing; and the psychological domestic thriller THE REVENGE PARTY.

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