

Reading Group Guide for
Thin Ice
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(Spoiler alert—these questions assume you've already read the book)

1. Did the prologue make you want to keep reading? Why or why not?
2. Early in the book, Christy goes to the FBI despite the warning to remain silent. Do you think this was a smart move? What would you have done in her place? Why?
3. Christy has suffered some severe losses when the book begins. What are some of the reasons she was able to carry on with her life?
4. Christy tells Lance no one in her family has any enemies—yet it turns out she has a deadly one. Have you ever had a relationship that soured for reasons you didn't understand? How did you deal with that?
5. Were you surprised to discover that Christy had been a world-class figure skater? What sort of traits might someone who'd reached that pinnacle exhibit? How were they helpful to her in this situation?
6. The McGregor clan is close. What are some of the ways this is manifested in the book? What are the advantages of a strong family?
7. Were you surprised to discover the identity of the villain? Describe him in three words.
8. Do you think Christy's decision to leave competition behind was the right one? Why or why not?
9. How did you feel about Mevlida? What, if anything, could she have done to improve her situation?
10. Christy has full confidence in Lance early in their relationship. What qualities/background might have influenced her assessment of him?
11. Did Lance make a good hero? Why or why not?
12. How much influence do you think the traumatic experiences in Neven's youth had in shaping the person he became?
13. Who was your favorite character in the book? Why? Which character did you find the most interesting? Why?

14. Mark was the hero in an earlier book, *An Eye for an Eye*. If you read that book, did you enjoy seeing him again? As a reader, do you enjoy having characters from previous books make appearances in new ones?
15. Lance begins falling for Christy early in the book. What qualities do you think he found most appealing in her?
16. Do you think Neven's anger at Mevlida and his father was justified? Why or why not?
17. At one point in the book, Mevlida recalls her husband saying, "When one has hope and love, all things are possible." Do you think that's true?
18. Lance says the things he saw in Delta Force were faith busters. Yet Christy hung on to her faith through all her trauma. Why do some people find comfort in God in adversity and others turn away? How would you counsel those in the latter category?
19. Since the night his best friend was killed on a mission, Lance has carried a heavy load of guilt. Do you think it was justified? Why or why not? Christy suggests it might help if he talked with the man's wife and cleared the air. Do you think that was sound advice? Why or why not?
20. Were you surprised by what Mevlida did near the end? What do you think drove her to this? What else could she have done?
21. Finn, who makes a brief appearance in this story, is struggling with some serious challenges. Have you ever known a returning soldier with any of these issues? How did he/she cope with them? Are you looking forward to Finn's story, the final book in this series?
22. Did you find *Thin Ice* suspenseful? Did you think the plot was well constructed and credible, and the characters believable? Why or why not?
23. Talk about your impressions of this book from a literary standpoint—its strengths and weaknesses. Cite specific examples. If you were the author, would you have done anything differently?