

Reading Group Guide for
When a Secret Kills: A Novel
DEADLY REUNIONS, #3
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1. Jillian has been running scared for ten years. The death of her friend and co-worker is the catalyst that sends her home to catch a killer. She's come to the conclusion that the only way she can be truly free is if she faces her fears. Have you ever had to face your fears in order to be free of them? If so, give an example.
2. What do you think about Jillian's reluctance to come forward ten years ago about what she saw? Do you think she would have been killed or do you think the truth would have come out and she could have avoided ten years of running?
3. When Colton comes face-to-face with the girl he never stopped loving, his first action was to protect her, his second to demand answers. What were your first impressions of Colton?
4. Jillian has kept Meg a secret for ten years. Do you think she did the right thing in not telling Colton about her? Was she really protecting her child—or herself? Or both?
5. What did you think about Jillian's actions in getting rid of her disguise and showing up at the hotel to warn Colton? Did you think she was careless or desperate?
6. Colton has issues with his family and their expectations of him. He rebelled as a young man and went his own way. Have you ever had expectations placed on you and you had to make a hard choice about whether to try to live up to them or just do your own thing? What were the consequences?
7. Colton is fiercely loyal to his uncle Frank and is furious that Jillian is trying to prove he's a murderer. And then the evidence starts to mount against the man and Colton is devastated. What did you think of his reaction? His confronting his uncle about the past? What would you have done in Colton's situation?
8. Jillian's faith in God developed after she moved in with the Wyatts. Blake and his wife were Jillian's "Jesus with skin on." They took care of her physical needs, providing a place to live and help with her baby. Their acts of service brought Jillian to know Christ. As her faith grew, so did her determination to do the right thing. Have you ever experienced anything like this? If you're a Christian, who was instrumental in bringing you to know the Lord?

9. Jillian was scared to tell Colton about Meg. She knew it would be a shock and she knew it would change the entire dynamics of her little family. But she also knew Colton deserved to know about his daughter. God had nudged her hard enough she knew she had to listen. What did you think of his reaction to the news? What do you think of his decision to forgive Jillian?
10. Were you surprised to learn what was in the package Jillian sent Serena?
11. Who was your favorite character in the story and why?
12. What did you think of Jillian and Blake's relationship? Were you surprised nothing developed between them after the death of his wife?
13. Colton's parents finally come around after they learn of Meg's existence. Would you have been able to forgive as easily as Colton seemed to be able to do?
14. Were you surprised by the ending? Why or why not?
15. Were there any other characters in this story that you would like to see again?



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