

# Discussion Questions

## *The Golden Couple*

by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

1. Avery and Marissa both experience the loss of a spouse in very different ways. Explain how death and grief shape their characters and play into the overall plot?
2. How did the multiple perspectives affect your reading of the story? How would the story be different if it were told from only one perspective?
3. Did you enjoy hearing from two different narrators? How did the separate voices help to shape each character?
4. Avery employs a unique style of therapy to help her clients. She refers to herself as a “consultant” instead of a “therapist.” What did you make of her ten-session methodology? Would you ever consider hiring someone like Avery to help you?
5. At the end, Marissa says, “Do you know what some people used to call us? . . . The Golden Couple.” What is the meaning behind the title, *The Golden Couple*? Discuss the irony in the name.
6. During Matthew and Marissa’s first session, Avery makes several assumptions about the Bishops based on their appearance and body language. What assumptions did you make about Matthew and Marissa in their first interaction with Avery? Why?
7. Did you expect the ending? What moment surprised you the most? Did you suspect Matthew is behind it all? What parts led you to your suspicion?

Selected questions found on *Reading Group Choices* website from publisher’s *A Reading Group Gold* guide.

