

# The Forgotten Daughter

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## READING GROUP GUIDE

1. How does Leo's return to the Fortin household affect the family dynamic?
2. How do James and Véronique's differing political views affect their relationship? Do you think two people with different political views can stay together over time?
3. How has Elodie's childhood affected her perceptions of family? Motherhood?
4. Should Véronique be judged for her father's actions?
5. How does joining the Duplessis Orphans Committee change Elodie? What impact does it have on her relationship with Maggie?
6. What effect has Leo's legacy had on his family? What about on his own life?
7. What parallels can you draw between Elodie and Véronique's struggles? How do they differ?
8. What is the impact of Pierre's death on Véronique?
9. How does Dennis's return affect Elodie? What do you think their relationship would have been like if she knew he was alive?
10. Do you think James was justified in running the article about Leo? Why or why not?
11. Why did Leo lie for so many years about what really happened during the October Crisis?
12. The conflicts in the novel all have their roots in the past. What do you think the author is trying to say about the role of legacy in our lives?
13. What has Véronique learned from her relationship with James? What has James learned? What do you think the future holds in store for them?
14. Do you think Elodie should forgive Sister Ignatia?
15. Did you find the novel's ending satisfying? Could you envision a different resolution?

