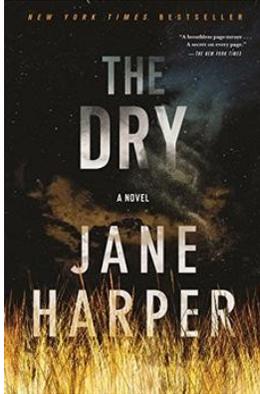


Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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Biography:



Jane Harper was born in Manchester in the UK, and moved to Australia with her family at age eight. She spent six years in Borenia, Victoria, and during that time gained Australian citizenship. Returning to the UK with her family as a teenager, she lived in Hampshire before studying English and History at the University of Kent in Canterbury. Jane Harper has worked as a print journalist for 13 years both in Australia and the UK. The Dry, her first novel, won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript in 2015. Rights have since been sold in more than 20 territories and been optioned for a film by Reese Witherspoon. (Source: www.bookbrowse.com)

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Discussion Questions:

1. The novel begins with a prologue that describes flies being drawn to the scene of the murders. Why is this approach such a powerful way to introduce the events of the novel?
2. What is it about the drought and its effects on the town that make people less likely to question what happened to the Hadlers? How does the drought color our impressions of Kiewarra, its residents, and the Australian bush?
3. How does the keeping of secrets affect relationships in the book? What does this tell us about the nature of secrets, and the need for truth? Is it better for some secrets to be kept?
4. Why do you think Gretchen is so reluctant to tell Falk who Lachie's real father is? Who do you think it is?
5. How has growing up without a mother affected Falk's life?
6. Jane Harper has chosen to tell this story in the past tense and third person, from Aaron Falk's point of view, and with flashbacks from various characters threaded throughout. What is the effect of this and how does it shape the reader's understanding of the characters in the novel? (From <https://www.bookbrowse.com>)