



# *the* GLOSS

## HIS & HERS

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1. Did you enjoy the book? Rate it from 1 - 5.
2. Sometimes I think I am the unreliable narrator of my own life. Sometimes I think we all are." It's hard to know who to trust in this novel. Who did you most want to believe: Anna or Jack?
3. The book is told from his and her perspective, did you enjoy this?
4. "In the future, I expect people will long for fifteen minutes of privacy, rather than fifteen minutes of fame." Discuss this quote.
5. Home is not always where the heart is. For people like me, home is where the hurt lives that made us into who we are." The quintessential English village of Blackdown is a fictional setting, but places like it do exist. What makes some people desperate to escape tight-knit communities, while others never want to leave?
6. What was your favorite twist in the book?
7. "Funny how often life seems to work in reverse. We were children masquerading as adults and now we are adults acting like children." The changing roles we play in life, family and work feature several times in the book. Have you experienced anything like this in your own life?
8. It might be true that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, but sometimes the apple can roll down a hill, far, far away from where it landed." So often we're desperate to avoid being like our parents in one way or another - can we avoid it in the end?
9. The sting of loneliness is only ever temporary, like that of a nettle. If you don't scratch at the solitude, it starts to feel normal again soon enough." Loneliness is such a big theme in this book, and affects almost every character on some level, regardless of their age. Is life in 2020 more or less lonely than it used to be?
10. "People rarely see themselves the way others do; we all carry broken mirrors." Is anyone who they first seem to be in this novel?