The Vanishing Type

A Secret, Book, and Scone Society Novel

Reader’s Guide

1. In the beginning of the novel, Nora and Sheldon are creating a window display featuring film adaptations of famous books. Which book to film adaption would you like to see in the window?
2. What are your thoughts on Deputy Andrews’s marriage proposal? Do you think Andrews and Hester will make it to the altar? Why or why not?
3. Despite the saying, it’s almost impossible not to judge a book by its cover. Have you ever walked into a library or bookstore and ended up leaving with a book because its cover spoke to you? Is there a book in your personal collection with an especially beautiful cover?
4. Blind book date displays are becoming more popular. Have you ever read a book from one of these displays? If the purpose is to encourage readers to try a genre they never or rarely read, which genre would be your blind date?
5. Pretend you’re Nora Pennington. Which fiction or nonfiction books about adoption would you recommend to your customers?
6. *The Vanishing Type* takes a close look at the meaning of Family. How do the members of The Secret, Book, and Scone Society demonstrate the idea that friends are the family we choose for ourselves?
7. Nora and Jed or Nora and Sheriff McCabe? Do you have a preference? Or do you think she’d be better off on her own?
8. At the end of the novel, Nora, June, and Estella make a custom scone for Hester. If you had to do the same for a close friend, what kind of scone would you make? What would you want your friends to make for you?
9. Which of the chapter quotes was your favorite? How did the quote relate to the action or theme of that chapter?
10. After reading *The Vanishing Type*, did you add any books to your wish list? If so, which ones?