

Suggestions for a Stimulating Reading Group Discussion

1. Which of these stories did you enjoy the most? Why?
2. Which of the characters in these stories do you identify with the most?
3. What feelings did these stories bring up for you?
4. The collection is titled, *Call It Anything But Love* and Majeed would argue that he loves both Judith and Nadira. How would you respond to that?
5. Law and religion aside, do you consider bigamy and polygamy to be morally wrong? Why, or why not?
6. Can you imagine circumstances where two or more women share a husband and find the experience beneficial overall?
7. Was Majeed's wrongdoing wanting to marry Nadira while married to Judith, or rather the approach he took? Would you describe his approach as cowardly, selfish or naïve, or can you sympathise with his approach and rationale?
8. How would you have preferred to see Majeed approach the possibility of marrying Nadira while still married to Judith?
9. What did you think of Judith's handling of her husband's bigamy?
10. What did Asiyah's story evoke for you? How does the experience of having an ill parent while growing up impact a young person?
11. How do Adam and Munir's experiences of growing up and living in a homophobic society compare with the culture you grew up in? Has this culture shifted significantly in your community since the 1990s when Adam and Munir's story is set?
12. What did Arianna and Cisco's story evoke for you? This story is told from Cisco's point of view, but did you feel you understood Arianna's point of view too? Did you sympathise with Arianna or Cisco? Are children ever better off without one of their parents in their lives?