

# STELLA BARCELONA

## Jigsaw Book Club Discussion Questions

1. Jigsaw's lead characters, Samantha Dixon Fairfax and Jesus ("Zeus") Hernandez have personal history that predates the opening of the story. In light of their history, what do you think of Samantha's resistance to Zeus's attempts to rekindle their relationship?
2. Zeus believes Samantha is "the one" for him. Have you ever felt like this about anyone? How long into the relationship did it take you to know it? Do you believe in love at first sight?
3. In your opinion, how were Zeus and Samantha alike, and how were they different?
4. Do you have an Achilles' heel? Can you identify the Achilles' heel of both Zeus and Samantha?
5. How did you feel about the level of sensuality in Jigsaw?
6. What did you think about the fictional court of the International Terrorism Tribunal? Do you believe countries should unify their efforts in combating terrorist groups? How?
7. Were the motives of the fictional terrorist groups identified in Jigsaw plausible?
8. Who was your favorite character, and why? Your least favorite, and why?
9. Settings in Jigsaw include Paris, France; London, England; Miami, Florida; and the Chihuahuan Desert of Mexico. Have you visited any of these places? Were the settings in the story consistent with your impression of these places?
10. What is your favorite French food?
11. Have you read *Deceived* and *Shadows*, Stella Barcelona's prior novels? How would you compare this novel with *Deceived* and *Shadows*? What did you think of Gabe, Zeus's brother, who will be featured in the next Black Raven novel, *Concierge*? Did Gabe appear in Jigsaw enough for you to make observations about his personality?
12. Can you imagine a scenario where you would hire Black Raven Private Security Contractors? Can you identify with the Black Raven saying, "embrace the suck?" What does this saying mean to you?