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Silent Screams Book Club Questions

1. Quinn struggles to trust his intuition after a past failure. How does this internal conflict evolve throughout *Silent Screams*, and what finally allows him to lean into it again?
2. Patrick's kidnapping raises the stakes dramatically. What did you think of the way his character was developed, and how do his bonds with Quinn, Avery, and Summer affect your emotional investment?
3. The novel intertwines themes of fate, faith, and intuition. How do these elements guide Quinn's choices? Have you ever felt that a loved one who has passed away has influenced your life or guided your decisions? If so, how did it occur? Have you every prayed for help from someone you have loved and lost? Did you receive their help? Did praying for help, or talking to that person, influence your grieving process?
4. How does silence—both literal and emotional—function in the novel? What 'silent screams' do the characters carry within them, and how are those finally expressed?
5. Discuss how parenthood—both biological and chosen—is portrayed through Avery, Summer, and Quinn's relationship with Patrick. Did you feel that Quinn acted as a father figure to Rafe? What does the story say about family? How do Quinn's siblings influence his character development?
6. What role does the Fabergé egg play symbolically beyond being a valuable object? How does it connect to present motivations of the various characters?
7. The villains in this story are ruthless and multifaceted. Which antagonist stood out most to you, and why? Were any of their motivations understandable or sympathetic?
8. Quinn's father's wisdom becomes more prominent in *Silent Screams* than it was in *Desperate Whispers*. How does his memory shape Quinn's sense of identity and help him move toward redemption? Did you find Quinn's grief over losing his father relatable?
9. The novel builds toward a high-stakes showdown. Were you surprised by the outcome? Did any character act in a way that surprised you? How did the climax resolve the emotional arcs of the main characters? Quinn decided at the climax not to act. How did you feel about his decision? Was it in keeping with his character?
10. What future do you imagine for Quinn, Avery, Summer and Patrick? Did you feel the ending offered closure on all issues? If you could write one more scene, what would it be?