

# Valley of the Moms

## READING GROUP GUIDE

Warning: this guide contains significant spoilers for *Valley of the Moms*.

- 1** *Valley of the Moms* is written with dual perspectives and timelines. How did this impact your reading? How would your understanding of Denny change if we only saw Anna's perspective, and vice versa?
- 2** How does setting inform the plot in *Valley of the Moms*?
- 3** *Valley of the Moms* opens with Anna's body being found. What was the effect of this opening? Why might the author have chosen to start there?
- 4** How do wealth and loyalty intersect in *Valley of the Moms*? Consider how the residents of Hamilton interact with the world and people around them.
- 5** What surprised you most about the ending? Who, in your opinion, most betrayed Anna?
- 6** Outside of our protagonists—Anna and Denny—which character felt most compelling to you?
- 7** At the end of our story, Denny decides to stay in Hamilton. What do you make of this choice? Would you have done the same?
- 8** Anna's story was inspired by real events in the author's life. Do you see echoes of your own life experiences in *Valley of the Moms*?

