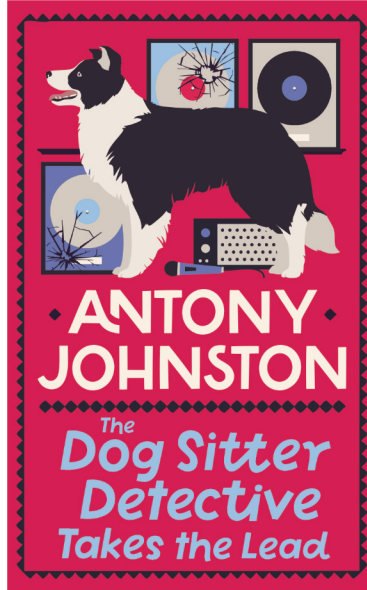


Book Group Questions for
The Dog Sitter Detective
Takes the Lead
by Antony Johnston



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Gwinny Tuffel is preparing for her first acting role in a decade in the West End, but she is still dog-sitting on the side to keep the wolf from the door.

So, when ageing rock star Crash Double needs help with his Border Collie, she jumps at the chance. After all, looking after the charming Ace on Crash's Little Venice houseboat shouldn't be an onerous task.

But that's before the singer's dead body surfaces during the annual Canal Carnival festivities...

Thank you for reading this book! If you haven't read it yet, beware – some mild spoilers follow overleaf...

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1. The author, Antony Johnston, is a dog lover.

Are there any dog owners in your group?

Did you feel the depiction of the border collie Ace was true to life?

Did he behave like a real dog?

2. The book takes place in a fictionalised version of Little Venice, which is a real community in London.

Has anyone in your group visited Little Venice?

Have you ever thought about living on a canal boat?

3. Gwinny was dismissive of Howard's 'wellness guru' status, but he seemed to have plenty of paying clients.

Have you ever taken wellness classes?

If so, were they beneficial? Would you recommend them to others?

4. Lucy bought cannabis to ease her grandmother's back pain. Birch said this was wrong, but Gwinny urged compassion.

Was Birch right to consider all drug use bad, without exception?

Was Gwinny right or wrong to say it was harmless?

5. Johnny admitted he was losing his hearing, to distract people from finding out his real secret.

Without the evidence Gwinny gathered, would you have believed him?

Did you spot all the times in the story when Johnny didn't hear what people said to him?

6. According to the Detection Club, the 'rules' of a murder mystery say vital clues should be visible to the reader so they have a fair chance to solve the mystery themselves.

Do you think this book played fair?

What clues did you pick up on as you were reading?

Did you guess 'whodunnit' before the killer was revealed?

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