

## **Book Group Discussion Questions for THE SINNER**

1. What was your first impression of Alex? How did your impression change over time? Did anything you learn about him surprise you? How do you think Alex's parents and their relationship made him the way he was?
2. How did Glynis's and Alex's failure to trust each other cause trouble for them after they fell in love? Do you know someone who seemed unlikely to settle down but ended up making a long-lasting love match?
3. What did you think of Sorcha as a character and the role she played in the story? Do you know of marriages that were initially made for the sake of a child that grew into wonderful marriages?
4. Sorcha's mother saw her choices regarding her daughter as quite limited. How much of her behavior was callous self interest and how much can be blamed on her class and upbringing? Alex believed that Glynis was exactly the sort of mother Sorcha needed after her first mother. Do you agree? Why?
5. What was your favorite scene and why? Was there one that made you laugh, cry, or bite your nails?
6. Did you enjoy the friendship among the four heroes of the series—Ian, Alex, Duncan, and Connor? What did you like about it? Duncan have quite different personalities. Did you find their friendship believable?

7. There are a number of real historical characters in *THE SINNER*, including Shaggy Maclean, the three Campbell siblings, the Duke of Albany, and the White Knight. Which did you find the most interesting or do you think added most to the story? Why?
  
8. Which of the other secondary characters did you particularly enjoy or think added to the story: Teàrlag, Ùna, Seamus, Old Molly, Bessie, Glynis's aunt and uncles, Glynis's father, Tormond, or someone else? Why?