

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Never Saw Me Coming

- *Never Saw Me Coming* is written from the perspective of psychopaths and features other characters who are psychopaths. Did your view of psychopaths change over the course of the book? How does *Never Saw Me Coming* portray psychopathic characters differently than other media?
- How did you feel about the novel's alternate voices and perspectives? How would the story be different without them?
- Discuss the title. Why do you think the author called it *Never Saw Me Coming*?
- Discuss the different ways psychopathy presents itself in the different characters.
- Chloe is not a traditionally "likable" character. Did you ever find yourself empathizing with or rooting for her?
- The reader eventually discovers that Andre isn't really a psychopath but is only pretending to be one. Why do you think he kept up the ruse? Was it worth it? How do you think he got away with fooling Dr. Wyman?
- Discuss the ways in which childhood trauma affected each of the main trio in the novel.
- Chloe is on a mission to kill Will Bachman because he sexually assaulted her when she was 12. Does Chloe feel better after getting her revenge? How does being a psychopath change her relationship with this trauma?
- How did you feel about Dr. Wyman? What do you think his motivations were for the psychopathy program?
- Discuss Charles's relationship with Kristen. Do you think he loved her? Do you think psychopaths are capable of love?
- Discuss the concept of nature versus nurture as it pertains to Emma and Megan. Do you think they were likely to be psychopaths no matter what happened in their lives? What about Charles and his father?
- In a book full of murder and suspense, there are some darkly funny moments. What passages made you laugh out loud?
- Throughout the novel, how did your suspicions about the identity of the murderer shift and change? Were you surprised to learn who was murdering the students? Was her motivation justifiable? Why or why not? Do you think she was a psychopath?
- How did you feel about the ending? What do you think is next for Chloe, Charles, and Andre?

