

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA ALUMNAE BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
AUGUST 2020 – “THE FLATSHARE” BY BETH O’LEARY

1. What was your favorite moment during *The Flatshare* and why?
2. The story is told from both Tiffy and Leon's points of view. What effect does this have? Was there one character who you warmed to more, and why?
3. Would you ever be open to doing a flatshare as it's described in the story? Why or why not?
4. Richie has been unfairly treated by the justice system, but we don't know that for sure right away – we only know that Leon believes he's innocent. Did you ever think Richie was guilty of the crime he was accused of? How would it have changed the story if he had been?
5. It takes time for Tiffy to realize that her relationship with Justin was abusive. When did you first suspect that that relationship was unhealthy? What were the signs? What thoughts went through your head as you read of his “grand gesture” to propose to her?
6. Mo, Gerty and Rachel are a huge support to Tiffy, but Leon didn't seem to have close friends like this. Do you think that mattered in the way the story developed? Did you agree with Mo, Gerty and Rachel's viewpoints throughout the book as they tried to help Tiffy?
7. It was clear throughout the book that Rachel and Tiffy were not fans of Martin. Did you expect there was more to his character? Were you surprised to learn of his allegiance with Justin?
8. What do Tiffy and Leon learn about each other from the signs they leave in the flat? What might somebody learn about you, if they stayed at your place when you weren't there?
9. Johnny White comes to see Mr. Prior just in time. What does their love story teach Leon, and what do you think it contributed to the book as a whole?
10. What was your favorite part of Tiffy and Leon's love story? Do you think Tiffy and Leon would have ended up together if that had met in different circumstances?