

### Book Club Questions for A Crack in the Varnish

1. Were you immediately engaged? Did the opening scene with the dying fire suggest foul play?
2. Who was your favourite character and why?
3. Could you relate to Hannah and her confusion over her relationship with her late mother?
4. Did you immediately have suspicions about one of more of the characters and their role in the fire?
5. Did the Provençal setting feel vivid? Did it play a part in your involvement in the novel or could the story have been set anywhere?
6. Were the descriptions of the art restoration processes interesting and enjoyable and feel pertinent to the story?
7. Did you empathise with Esther's conflicting emotions or did you think she was acting all the time?
8. How did you relate to Raff?
9. Did the ending leave you feeling satisfied? This is the first in a series featuring Hannah and Nathan, each time in a different setting with different issues to resolve. Would you be tempted to read the next book in the series?
10. In your opinion, did the main characters or their relationships develop and grow as the story progressed?
11. Did you have a favourite scene or scenes?
12. Did you think the title fitted the story?