

YOU COULD BE HAPPY HERE

A novel by Erin Van Rheenen



Reader's Questions

- 1. What do you think the author's goal was in writing this book? What ideas or issues was she grappling with?**
- 2. What is the significance of the title? Would you have given the book a different title?**
- 3. Which scene resonated the most for you on a personal level? How did it make you feel?**
- 4. Think about the characters: who do you love/hate/find boring? Why? Who would you cast in the movie version of this novel?**
- 5. Does Lucy belong in Palmita? Why or why not?**
- 6. Would the book have played out differently in a different time period or setting?**
- 7. What is the significance of the bug and bird notes at the beginning of each chapter? How do they relate to the rest of the book?**
- 8. How have the characters changed by the end of the book?**