Playing Dead
Book Club Questions

Readers, beware of possible spoilers

1. Was Tommie's mother morally right to keep such devastating secrets from her daughter?

2. Do you think you know the "whole" of your mother or are there parts of herself that she hides away?

3. Tommie states that "it is a cancerous myth that children are resilient" when it comes to tragic childhoods. Do you agree?

4. Do you sympathize with Jack? Do you think he is a destructive figure or someone to be pitied?

5. In your experience, what is the single most important thing that adults can do to help damaged children move forward in life?

6. Women are one of the fastest growing markets for handguns. Did this book make you feel more or less comfortable about carrying a gun?

7. Do you believe in animals, like horses, as healers?

8. Anthony Marchetti is a complicated man with complicated motives. Do you think he was really trying to redeem himself?

9. How did this book change your perception of Texas or Texans (or did it)?

10. Tommie divides the world into two kinds of people: those who will instinctively risk their own lives to save a stranger's and those who won't. Which are you?