

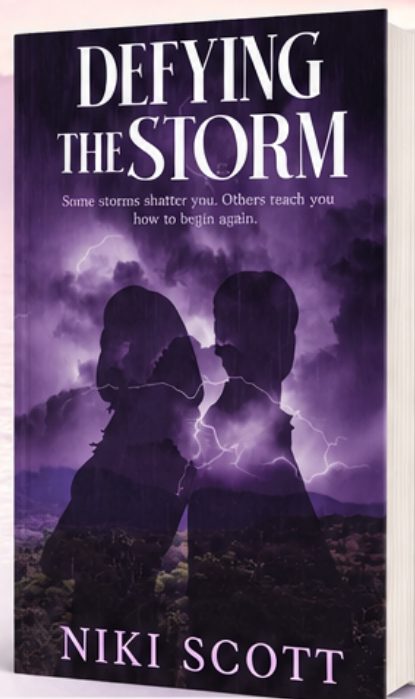
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Together
Through
Every Storm
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Defying The Storm

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

**Bigger stakes. Deeper truths.
A family tested.**

Here are some questions to get the
conversation started.



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Ji-ho never wanted to succeed his grandfather, but his death places that responsibility on him just as his family is about to face its greatest crisis. How much should we sacrifice for family duty, particularly when accepting that duty comes at a cost to the family we have created ourselves?

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Lexi's unexpected pregnancy with Enzo comes at a time when she is already longing to return to her career as a lawyer. How did you feel about her reaction to the pregnancy? Do you think women are given enough freedom to admit that a pregnancy can be unwanted even when the child is ultimately deeply loved?

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Lexi loves Ji-ho and her children, yet becomes increasingly unhappy with the life she is living. Can someone love their family completely and still feel that they have lost too much of themselves within it? At what point does reclaiming your identity become selfish, if ever?

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During the family's time in Brazil, Lexi largely remains behind to pursue her career, much to Ji-ho's disappointment. When she finally joins them for the last two weeks, the children are cold towards her. Whose reaction did you sympathise with most: Lexi's, Ji-ho's or the children's?

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When Lexi and Ji-ho separate for a year, they fracture a family that once seemed almost unbreakable. Do you think their separation was inevitable by that stage, or could either of them have done something differently to prevent it?

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Luca carries considerable hurt and resentment towards Lexi because of what happened within the family. Do you think children are entitled to hold their parents accountable for choices that hurt them, even when those choices may have been necessary for the parent's own wellbeing?

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When Luca is kidnapped, old family wounds collide with an immediate fight for his survival. Do you think the crisis brings the family back together, or simply forces them to put unresolved problems aside? Is there a difference between surviving something together and actually healing from it?

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Lili risks herself to help Luca survive, despite having very little power over her own circumstances. What do you think their relationship adds to the story? In what ways do they become a source of strength for one another?

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Sang-hoon's actions during the kidnapping show how ambition, resentment and family loyalty can become dangerously intertwined. Which betrayal do you think is harder to forgive: one committed by someone you love, or one committed by family in pursuit of power?

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Across the novel, storms take many forms: an unexpected pregnancy, lost identity, marital separation, a fractured relationship with a child, succession and kidnapping. By the end, what do you think *Defying the Storm* ultimately says about a family surviving a crisis: is survival enough, or does real healing require confronting the damage that existed before the storm arrived?

Some storms don't break you.
They lead you home.
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