

# Discussion Questions

## *Kim Jiyoung, Born 1982*

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1. In the novel, Jiyoung embodies different women in her life and voices their experiences. If you were to embody and give voice to a character in your life, who would it be and why? What significant life experiences would you share from their perspective?
2. Despite her successful business career, Jiyoung's mother still demonstrates traditional gender roles within the family, especially towards her son. How does this shape your views on her character? Did you sympathize or disagree with her choice, and why?
3. Daehyun seemingly represents the 'good guy' yet he benefits from patriarchal norms and overlooks Jiyoung's perspective. How did Daehyun's obliviousness make you feel? Could you relate to Joe's experience of struggling with a partner who seemingly fails to recognize gender disparities at home?
4. Kim Eunsil is one of the few high-ranking women at Jiyoung's workplace, yet she also struggles to combat sexism and inequality within the company. Despite her efforts, what limitations does she face? Could she have done more? How can workplaces support women better in your opinion?
5. The Psychiatrist narrating Jiyoung's story believes he understands women's struggles yet blindspots his own contribution to gender inequality, including accepting the resignation of a pregnant woman under his employ. How does his character contribute to gender inequality? How would you respond to his bias and privilege if you were in the novel?
6. In the book, Ramen noodles are used as a symbol for gender inequality, starting from very mundane incidents. Where else do you see the same biases manifesting subtly in your societies, in various cultures or places you lived or visited? What are some of the more peculiar ones you can think of?
7. The map in Jiyoung and Eunyoung's room highlighted the difference in their ambitions. Can you recall seeing similar maps or symbols in your life or other novels that signify similar yearning for freedom? How does society constrain these ambitions and what measures can be taken to ensure everyone truly has equal opportunities?
8. The author frequently uses statistics and data to give weight to the scenario recounted in the book. While this is not common in novels, does the fusion between fact and fiction work here? Was there ever a point that the statistics added to your understanding and perspective of Jiyoung's reality, or did it distance or distract you from the narrative?