

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A Reader's Guide For Individuals and Groups



Awaken, the first book in *The Best Revenge Series™*, is a novel about two young women, Lacey and Lisette, who are on a healing journey from victim to survivor to “thrivers.” It is also a story of how Lacey missed some of the warning signs of dating violence and did not have a safety plan in place to keep herself safe.

1. What did Lacey miss about Ari's behavior?
2. Make a list of the ways that Ari abused Lacey from the *Warning Signs of an Unhealthy, Abusive Relationship* listed on the following page.
3. What advice would you have given Lacey about Ari? What could she have done to keep herself safe?
4. Has anything ever happened to you that is similar to what happened between Ari and Lacey in the book? How did you then or would you now react to it?
5. Both Lacey and Lisette lost their mothers at a young age. How do you think that affected their lives?
6. What else did Lisette and Lacey have in common? What made Lisette decide to help Lacey?
7. How would you rate Ambrose, Howie, and Ralph as fathers in the book?
8. Did Ambrose, Howie, and Ralph grow and change as men because of what happened to them? What is their path forward? What would change look like for each of them?
9. If “living well is the best revenge” is the theme of this book series, did Lacey get her “best revenge” from Ari, even after death? What would be Lisette's best revenge?

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10. What scene was the most important for Lacey and Lisette in the healing journey? How did you react to it personally?
11. What important role did Radiance and Sophie play in helping Lacey and Lisette heal?
12. What did you learn about the healing process from this book that has been most helpful to you?
13. What would be the best way for Sophie and Lisette to remember Lacey and give her a lasting legacy on that campus?
14. How could a community such as Lacey's college work to prevent dating violence?
15. Who was your favorite character and why? What do you think is next for this person?



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