

Claiming Noah book club questions

1. Even after she met James, Catriona claimed she didn't want to have children. Why do you think she eventually changed her mind, and was it the right decision for her?
2. Catriona puts a lot of pressure on herself to be a good mother. Do you think this contributed to her difficulties with motherhood? Where do you think this pressure came from?
3. The rise in popularity of IVF has resulted in hundreds of thousands of excess embryos stored in cryogenic units around Australia. Like Catriona and James, the parents of these embryos have to decide at some point whether to donate the embryos to another couple, allow them to be used for scientific research, destroy them, or keep them frozen until they eventually become unviable. What would you do if you were faced with this decision?
4. One of the questions asked in Claiming Noah is what it means to be a mother. How would you define motherhood?
5. Catriona's postpartum psychosis reaches extreme levels before James realises that she has become a danger to herself and Sebastian. Do you think there is anything James, or Catriona's doctor, could have done to identify her illness sooner?
6. Do you think Spencer genuinely loved Catriona, or did he have other motivations for having a relationship with her?
7. Towards the end of the novel, Diana says to Catriona that she didn't stay with Liam solely so she could get custody of Noah. Do you believe her?
8. Do you agree with the judge's decision to grant sole custody to Diana and Liam?
9. After she is awarded custody of Noah, Diana offers an invitation to Catriona to remain part of Noah's life. Would you have done this if you were in her position?
10. The story of Claiming Noah spans four years, and in this time both Catriona and Diana experience a great deal of change in their lives. By the end of the novel, who do you think has grown more?