

## ***The Guilty One* by Lisa Ballantyne**

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### **Reading Group Discussion Points**

1. How do the two strands of the story complement each other? Do they work together successfully?
2. Who is your favourite character and why?
3. Do you think it was right for Minnie to do what she did?
4. Can you discuss Daniel's resentment towards Minnie?
5. How well does the story explore the subject of foster care and/or children in the criminal justice system?
6. What connections can you draw between the adult and the child Daniel?
7. Can you comment on the way in which the story explores the relationship between mothers and sons/adults and children?
8. Before the big reveal at the end, did you believe Sebastian to be guilty or innocent?
9. What have you taken away from the story? What do you think it is trying to say?