

DISCUSSION GUIDE: *Paper Bags*

1. Were you engaged immediately in the story or did it take awhile?
2. What are the different themes the author explores?
3. How does Kat's Catholic upbringing affect the choices she makes throughout her life?
4. How does Kat use curiosity to help her move through challenges in the story?
5. Have you ever felt bi-curious (wondering about bi-sexuality) as Kat in the story when she pondered her attraction to Sal in lace panties?
6. Give examples of passages that made the story emotionally satisfying?
7. Where you surprised by twists and turns in the story? Give examples.
8. Were you hopeful through the story Kat would find love and safety?

Can you identify specific scenes that gave you hope?

9. Was there a certain passage in the story that stood out for you?

10. If you could change parts of the story, what would you change?

11. Did the novel alter your perspective or broaden your viewpoint regarding LGBTQ human rights?

12. Did you learn anything new reading *Paper Bags*?