



### Discussion Questions for Megan Abbott's YOU WILL KNOW ME

1. Ambition is a major theme of the novel. In what ways do the Knox family's ambitions give shape to their lives? Do you think their ambition is a positive force? Is it possible to be too ambitious?
2. Do you think the dream of gymnastics greatness is a goal that Devon desires of her own accord? Or is she trying to please her parents by fulfilling their dreams?
3. In what ways does Devon's accident as a young girl affect her future life? Does the near-miss of that experience contribute to Devon's immense drive?
4. Devon is at an age where she has left childhood behind, but hasn't yet arrived at adulthood. Do you think she fully appreciates the tremendous sacrifices that she has to make in order to achieve greatness? Will she one day regret her choices and feel as though she missed out on a "normal" young adulthood? Do you think her sacrifices are worth it?

5. How do you view Katie and Eric as parents? Do you think that they love Devon and Drew equally? Is it possible that Katie and Eric have regrets about how they've raised Devon?
6. Romantic relationships in the novel tend towards volatility. What's the most successful/stable romantic relationship depicted in the book? Why?
7. The novel depicts both a community of children (the gymnasts) and a community of adults (the parents and boosters who support them). In what ways do the children act like adults and the adults act like children over the course of the novel? What does this role reversal say about the concept of maturity as a product of age?
8. As a close, married couple, Katie and Eric know one another intimately, yet they still keep secrets from each other—secrets that threaten the bond of their marriage—why do we hide aspects of our true selves from those we love the most? Is it possible to have a marriage, or a relationship, with no secrets? Would such a relationship even be desirable?
9. Have you ever had a dream that defined your life like Devon's? How far were you willing to go to achieve that goal? When it comes to achieving a lifelong dream, do the ends justify the means? Do you think that Katie, Eric and Devon end up going too far, or not far enough?
10. At the conclusion of the novel, do you think people are held accountable for their actions? In your opinion, who, or what, is the villain of the novel?