

One Little Mistake by Miranda Rijks – Discussion Questions

****There are spoilers in the following questions****

1. Have you ever privately compared or ranked your friends, even if only in your head? Did Kate's spreadsheet seem as harmless to you as it did to her?

2. Why do you think Kate felt the need to write her opinions down?

3. What was your first impression of Kate? Did your feelings about her change as the story went on?

4. When the spreadsheet went viral, did you think her friends' reactions were justified? How would you feel if you discovered a friend had ranked you?

5. Is it worse to think unkind things about your friends or to write them down? Did Kate deserve to be punished for private thoughts she never meant to share?

6. Who did you think had leaked the spreadsheet, and why? Were you right?

7. How did you feel about the way the other mothers at school and Kate's business clients turned on her? Is being 'cancelled' ever a fair punishment?

8. What did you think of Jared? Did he support Kate in the way a husband should?

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9. When Kate's son fell mysteriously ill, who did you suspect?

10. Many of us stay friends with people we have known for years. Are childhood friends always the right friends for us as adults? Is it ever better to let a friendship go?

11. What does the book say about the way women judge one another?

12. Many readers found the characters hard to like. Was there anyone you rooted for? Can you enjoy a book when you dislike most of the characters?

13. Is anything we write in an email, a document or online ever truly private?

14. Were you surprised by the twists? Which revelation shocked you the most?

15. Did you find yourself judging any of the characters for their choices? Who and why?

16. By the end of the book, do you think 'one little mistake' was a fair description of what Kate did?

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