

The Influencer by Miranda Rijks – Discussion Questions

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

1. Do you follow any influencers? How much do you think they shape the way people think and behave?

2. What was your first impression of Skye?

3. Skye was once homeless. How did learning about her past change the way you saw her?

4. Nathan set up Sacha's Sanctuary in memory of his late wife. Why do you think he was so willing to accept Skye's help?

5. Should a charity accept money and publicity from anyone, whatever their motives?

6. Nathan's teenage daughters were thrilled to get so close to a superstar. Did you understand why? As a parent, how would you have felt?

7. When did you begin to suspect that it wasn't a coincidence that Nathan's personal life was falling apart?

8. How did Skye's presence affect Nathan's relationship with the woman he planned to marry?

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9. The story moves between Skye's past and Nathan's present, and then the point of view changes. How did that shift affect you? Did you guess Skye's secret?

10. Is the person we see online ever the real person?

11. Are teenagers especially vulnerable to the influence of online stars? Whose responsibility is it to protect them?

12. Should Nathan have trusted his instincts sooner?

13. Can a difficult childhood ever explain, or excuse, the way someone behaves as an adult?

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

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

16. Having read the book, will you look at social media influencers differently?

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