


# You Can Trust Me by Miranda Rijks – Discussion Questions

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

1. Have you, or has anyone you know, fallen for an online scam? Did you feel sympathy for Amelia, or did you think she was naive?

2. What was your first impression of Paige? When did you realise she wasn't the friend she seemed?

3. From the outside, Amelia's life looks perfect. How did seeing it through her eyes change your view of it?

4. Paige is consumed by jealousy. Have you ever envied a friend's life? At what point does envy become dangerous?

5. Paige starts small and grows bolder as her plan goes on. Which of her actions shocked you the most?

6. Why do you think it took Amelia so long to see what Paige was doing? Are some people simply more trusting than others? Did her naivety make her unbelievable as a character?

7. What did you think of Hudson? And of Dean, Paige's partner?

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8. The story is partly told by fifteen-year-old Marnie. What did her storyline, and her friendship with Taryn, add to the book?

9. Once you understood the reason behind Paige's actions, did you feel any sympathy for her? Can grief ever excuse cruelty?

10. Is it fair to punish someone for something that wasn't really their fault?

11. Both Amelia and Paige would do anything for their daughters. Can a mother's love ever justify doing something wrong?

12. Was Amelia partly responsible for what happened to her because she didn't act sooner when things started going wrong?

13. How do you decide whether you can trust a new friend? Have you ever been let down by someone you trusted?

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, who do you think could really be trusted?

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