

book club questions

VERITY

- Colleen Hoover noted in the Special Edition of Verity that she had expected Verity to be a smaller, niche release that her readers wouldn't gravitate towards. Instead, it became a massive success over several years of time. What do you attribute to its widespread success?
- Verity begins "with a bang" -- literally. Discuss how the opening scene sets the stage for the book.
- The name Verity means "truth." What do you make of this?
- What genre and sub-genre would you classify Verity as?
- Do you think the Vermont setting of the Crawford home has significance?
- Why do you think Jeremy selected Lowen to ghostwrite for Verity?
- What caused Jeremy to fall for Lowen, and was he justified in doing so?
- What caused Lowen to fall for Jeremy, and was she justified in doing so?
- What role does Crew play in the plot?
- How did your status either as a parent or not a parent affect your reading of the graphic scenes involving Verity's pregnancy and the deaths of her children?
- In many ways, can be seen as a book about the motivations of the characters. Discuss each of their motivations for their actions and inactions.
- Discuss whether each main character was ultimately good or evil.
- Was Verity faking her injuries?
- Who is the real villain in Verity?
- Who is telling the truth in Verity?

- Are Lowen and the Crawford family "Chronics" who experience above-average amounts of trauma, or is something else at the root of their circumstances?
- The plot of Verity is pretty wild and intense. Did you find it to be believable?
- Readers often react to Verity with one powerful word. Describe your reaction after finishing Verity in one word.
- Many readers read Verity in one sitting, one day, etc. Was it an unputdownable book for you too?
- Verity contains many very graphic *and* erotic scenes. What are your thoughts on this?
- Are Lowen and Jeremy in love or bound by their circumstances?
- If you had to pick one, do you consider Verity to be the story of Verity's life as the titular character or Lowen's life as the narrator?
- Verity is widely considered to be a very "different" type of thriller. Have you read any other books like Verity?
- If you have read any other Colleen Hoover books, how is Verity both similar and different?
- Many readers consider Verity to be one of the best Colleen Hoover books (if not THE best). Do you agree or disagree?
- Were you surprised by what became of Verity at the end of the book?
- Verity called the writing at issue "So Be It." Why do you think she chose this title?
- The ultimate question: was Verity's writing a fictional manuscript or an autobiography?
- Did you read the extra chapter of Verity in the 2022 Special Edition of Verity? If so, discuss your thoughts on the new trajectory of the book.
- Verity has an open ending. If you were to write the sequel to Verity, in what direction would you take the story?

