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The Thing about Clare

Book Club Questions

- Do you think parents really do have favourites? If so, how might that affect the lives of the children as adults?
- Miriam has to give up on her dreams to support her family. Was it fair of Dorothy to expect her to do that?
- By asking for the letter to Clare to be destroyed, Dorothy is choosing to take her secret to her grave. Do you think that was the right thing to do?
- Sebastian responds differently to his sisters to the news about Clare's paternity. Do you have any sympathy with his point of view?
- Anna chooses to keep her mother's secret even though it causes trouble with her siblings. What would you have done?
- Questions of nature versus nurture crop up throughout the book. How much do you think our upbringing rather than our genes shapes who we become?

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