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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PLEA FOR JUSTICE

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In order to provide reading groups with the most thought-provoking questions possible, it is necessary to reveal important aspects of the plot of this novel. If you have not finished reading Plea for Justice, we respectfully suggest that you wait before reviewing this guide.

1) OVERALL Would you recommend <i>Plea for Justice</i> to a friend? Why or why not?	<i>6) INSTINCTS</i> On more than one occasion, Jackie's instincts helped to protect her. Have you ever had a situation where your "gut" triggered and helped to protect you?
2) ONLINE PRIVACY The bad guy in this novel infiltrates his victims' digital lives via their phones and computers. How did that make you feel? What precautions have you taken to protect your online privacy?	7) CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM Jackie tries to use a Habeas Corpus petition to free Aaron. What did you learn about the process? Should inmates have the right to petition for release if they agree to a plea deal or a jury convicted them?
<i>3) GUNS & CARRY PERMITS</i> Jackie opts to buy a gun and get a carry permit. Do you own or carry a gun? Why or why not? What are the laws in your state in regards to carrying a firearm?	8) <i>LITERACY</i> We learn that ~20% of American adults are illiterate. What else did you learn about literacy in this novel? In hindsight, were the character's actions realistic?
<i>4) SELF-CONFIDENCE</i> Jackie's confidence and her size appear to be intertwined. How did you see her confidence evolve over the course of the novel? What do you think contributed most to her improvement?	9) ENDING Were you surprised by the ending? What different ending could you imagine for this book? What other elements of the book surprised you?
5) OBESITY Jackie uses food for comfort. What do you think contributed to her condition? Do you think she was overweight or had an eating disorder?	10) MOVIE CASTING If <i>Plea for Justice</i> were made into a movie, who would you cast for Jackie, Aaron, Cam, Beth and James?