Eleanor Oliphant Book Club Questions

- 1. Why do you think Eleanor leads a lonely life? What factors contribute to her unconventional personality?
- 2. What are some things that Eleanor has to learn that most of us take for granted? Why does she want to change her appearance?
- 3. Why does Eleanor feel sorry for beautiful people? Do you think there's some truth in her reasoning? Why or why not?
- 4. Describe Eleanor's relationship with her mother. Why do you think Eleanor keeps in regular contact with her?
- 5. Little gestures of kindness mean a lot to Eleanor. Why? Do you think most people overlook the importance of thoughtfulness?
- 6. Eleanor often speaks her mind. Does her forthrightness make you uncomfortable or make you cheer for her?
- 7. How does Eleanor and Raymond's relationship evolve? Where do you see them in five years?
- 8. Raymond tells Eleanor that she deserves nice things. Why do you think he feels that way? Do you agree with him?
- 9. When does Eleanor start to feel hopeful about her life? What signs of positive change did you notice in her day-to-day routine?
- 10. How did you feel about the ending of the book? Did it change your perspective about Eleanor?