

Book Club Discussion Questions

ELLIE PILLAI IS BROWN



1. Music is a huge part of Ellie's life. If you had to pick five songs to be on the soundtrack of your life, what would they be?
2. Ellie talks about cultural identity and belonging throughout the book. Why do you think Christine Pillainayagam chose the title for this book? How does the title work in relation to the book's contents?
3. How did the relationship between Ellie and Ash develop throughout the book? Were you expecting them to end up together?
4. What was your favourite part of the book? Is there a particular scene that has stuck with you after you finished reading?
5. *Ellie Pillai is Brown* is written in first person. Why do you think the author wrote it in this way? Do you think reading the book would have been different with a third-person narrator?
6. Ellie's friendships, particularly with Jess and Hayley, are a huge part of the story. How are Ellie's friendships with Jess and Hayley different?
7. Ellie's relationship with her mum is difficult at times. How does their relationship develop throughout the novel?
8. Are there any questions you would you like to ask the author, Christine Pillainayagam?
9. Did *Ellie Pillai is Brown* end how you wanted it to?
10. What do you think is going to happen in the sequel, *Ellie Pillai in Love*?

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