

## Book Club Discussion Questions

### The Last Time I Saw You by Elizabeth Berg

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. At the outset of the novel some of the characters seem never to have outgrown petty teenage points of view. Were there characters you loved to hate? Did you feel the same way about them at the end of the book?
2. Berg seems to rely on high school stereotypes—the jock, the cheerleader, the nerd. Did this interfere with your enjoyment of the book? Or did she manage to do something interesting with the stereotypes? If so, how?
3. Some people say they're going to a reunion for one reason, when it's really for another. Why do you think Candy attended the reunion? Was it the same reason that she gave herself prior to the event? What about Pete? What is your own experience of high school reunions?
4. Much of what we learn about the characters comes from stories told by others. Which of the characters seems best known by his or her classmates? Which classmates are people most wrong about?
5. Which characters were actually the happiest in high school? Does this match or contradict the perceptions of others?
6. Which character learned the most about him/herself during and after the reunion? How?
7. What role did Einer's character play in advancing the story? At the reunion? Near the end?