**Are You Awake book group questions**

1. Mary is a keen watcher of true-crime documentaries, which fuels her interest in the Samantha Ellis case – do you think true crime has a positive or negative impact?
2. Mary sometimes feels she is a bad mother and compares herself to Francine and Alanna – did you agree with this, or think she acted badly at times?
3. Mary feels she can’t do anything well, either her job or taking care of her family. Do you think society does enough to support working mothers?
4. How much is Tim to blame for what happened to Mariam?
5. Did you judge Eric for using sites like Only Fans, or do you think this is a legitimate way for women to make money?
6. How much did Mary and Tim’s actions actually cause harm to Samantha and her family?
7. What did you think of the character of Alice, Tim’s ex – was she right to leave him or should she have been more supportive?
8. How much of a role does insomnia and sleeplessness play in the story?
9. Have you ever seen something in your own neighbourhood that you thought was suspicious?
10. Mary and Tim try to report their concerns to the police but are rebuffed, largely because of resource issues. Were they right then to take matters into their own hands?