

# **RESTITUTION**

## **READER'S GUIDE FOR BOOK CLUBS**

- 1. Why is the Ballerina on the Book Cover symbolic?**
- 2. The main character, Sylvie Rosenberg, faced tough challenges throughout her life. Why do you think the author wanted you to see all her flaws? Do you find her believable? Forgivable? Even lovable?**
- 3. Which scenes or developments in the novel affected you most?**
- 4. Religion is a topic often talked about in the book. Does Sylvie rely on her bitterness, her heritage, or her morality?**
- 5. What effect did Sylvie's "first love" have on her throughout her life?**
- 6. Sylvie is an overprotective mother to her son, Michael. Do you think she ends up hurting him more?**
- 7. How does the gentle Angela relate to Sylvie's character? How are they similar?**
- 8. Why does Sylvie's father abandon her own mother, Helene?**
- 9. What does Baby Rose and Baby Samuel represent to you?**
- 10. What do you think the author wishes the reader to take away from the book, as a result of Sylvie's journey?**