## Before She Was A Finley

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## **Book Discussion Questions**

- 1. Do you think a more experienced journalist would have handled Grace's story better than Adele did?
- 2. Did Grace overreact when the sheriff showed up to her home?
- 3. Why do you think Aunt Gladys was so bitter?
- 4. Why do you think Jack's mother was so against him marrying Grace?
- 5. Would you like to have heard songs written by Grace? Why do you think there weren't any?
- 6. Why do you think that Grace felt she could not trust Jack enough to let him know what she did and help her get through it.
- 7. Grace felt she had no one to turn to but do you think she should have gone to the police?
- 8. After all that she went through, why do you think Grace felt it was important for her to return to her aunt's home to share her news? Do you think she expected a different response?
- 9. Why were the owners of the diner not influenced by the rest of the town's opinions of Grace?
- 10. Trust was always a luxury for Grace. At times, she paid dearly for it. Why did she choose to ultimately trust Adele with her secret?

