READER'S GUIDE FOR The Vanishing Type: A Secret, Book, and Scone Society Mystery

- 1. In the beginning of the novel, Nora and Sheldon are creating a window display featuring film adaptations of famous books. Which book to film adaption would you like to see in the window?
- 2. What are your thoughts on Deputy Andrews's marriage proposal? Do you think Andrews and Hester will make it to the altar? Why or why not?
- 3. Despite the saying, it's almost impossible not to judge a book by its cover. Have you ever walked into a library or bookstore and ended up leaving with a book because its cover spoke to you? Is there a book in your personal collection with an especially beautiful cover?
- 4. Blind book date displays are becoming more popular. Have you ever read a book from one of these displays? If the purpose is to encourage readers to try a genre they never or rarely read, which genre would be your blind date?
- 5. Pretend you're Nora Pennington. Which fiction or nonfiction books about adoption would you recommend to your customers?
- 6. The Vanishing Type takes a close look at the meaning of family. How do the members of The Secret, Book, and Scone Society demonstrate the idea that friends are the family we choose for ourselves?
- 7. Nora and Jed or Nora and Sheriff McCabe? Do you have a preference? Or do you think she'd be better off on her own?
- 8. At the end of the novel, Nora, June, and Estella make a custom scone for Hester. If you had to do the same for a close friend, what kind of scone would you make? What would you want your friends to make for you?
- 9. Which of the chapter quotes was your favorite? How did the quote relate to the action or theme of that chapter?
- 10. After reading The Vanishing Type, did you add any books to your wish list? If so, which ones?