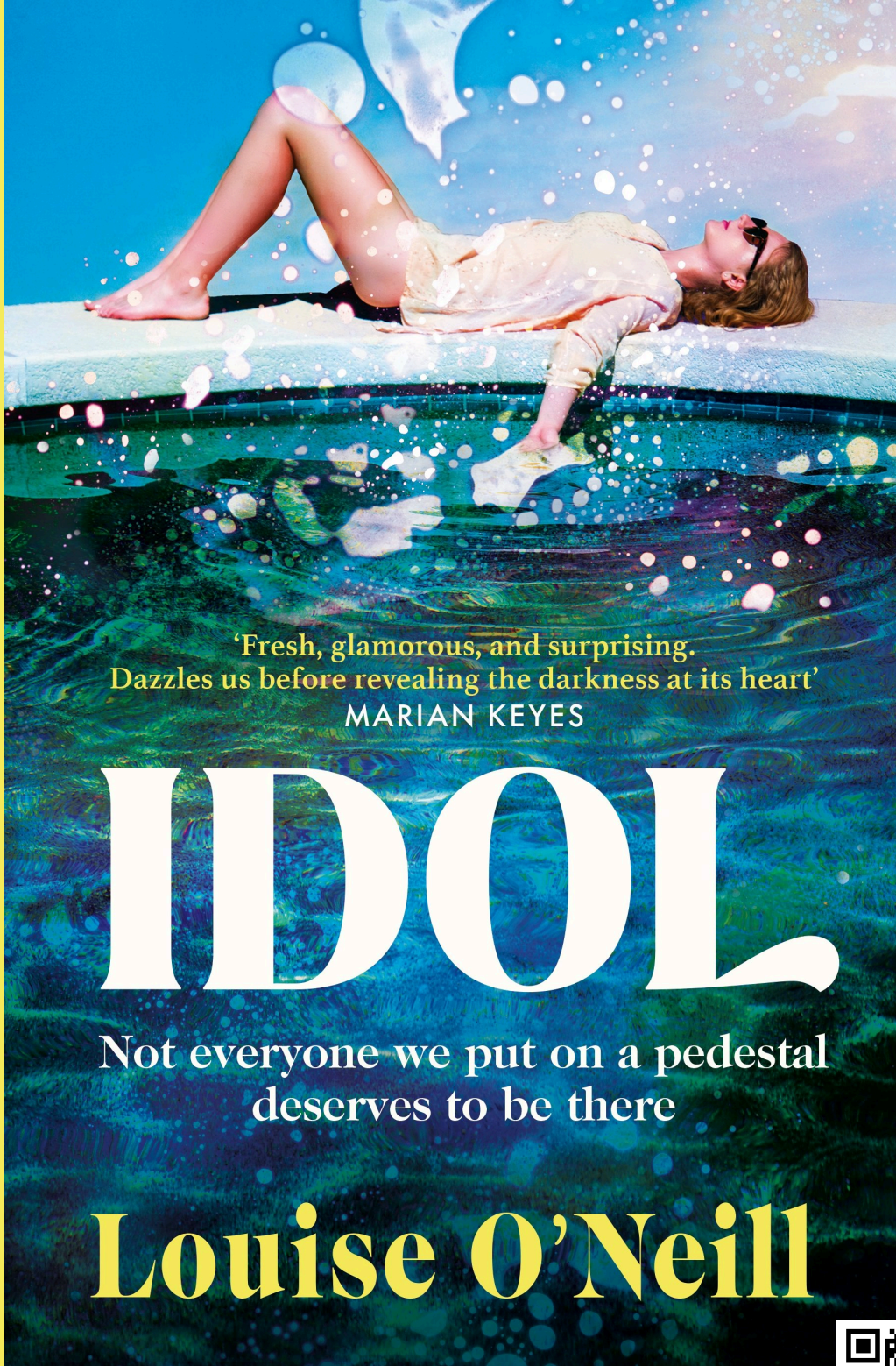




Meath County Council Library Service Book Club Kit



'Fresh, glamorous, and surprising.
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IDOL

Not everyone we put on a pedestal
deserves to be there

Louise O'Neill



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Notes To Readers



This kit was created for book clubs to use in their discussions of *Idol* and contains spoilers


Themes

Idol explores various themes, including #MeToo and sexual assault, eating disorders





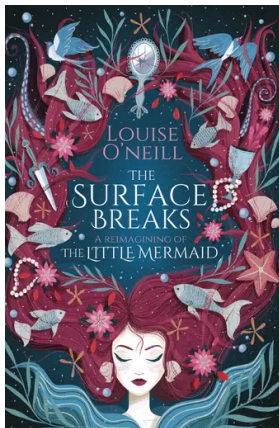
Reading Group Discussion Questions

1. Did you find the main character relatable or did you have a hard time connecting with her character?
 2. The book tackles themes of fame, success, and personal identity. What do you think the author is trying to say about these topics? Did you agree with her perspective?
 3. The book also explores the dark side of the entertainment industry and the pressures that come with fame. What were your thoughts on the way the author portrayed this aspect of the story? Did you find it realistic?
 4. The book features a diverse cast of characters. Did you appreciate the representation, or did you feel that certain groups were stereotyped or underrepresented?
 5. The ending of the book leaves several questions unanswered. What do you think happened to the characters after the final chapter? Were you satisfied with the way the story wrapped up?
 6. Overall, would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not? What stood out to you as the book's biggest strengths and weaknesses?
 7. Which scene has stuck with you the most?
 8. Would you want to read another book by this Louise O'Neill?
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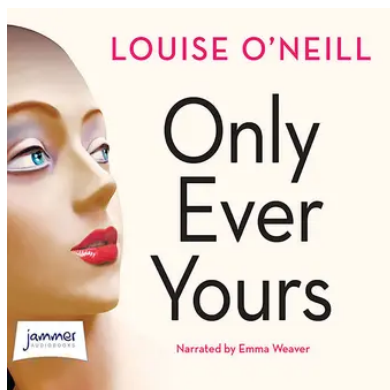
More from Louise O'Neill



One night in a small town in County Cork, where everyone knows everyone, things spiral terrifyingly out of control. What will happen now to Emma? To her family? To the others?



Deep beneath the sea off the cold Irish coast, Gaia is a young mermaid who dreams of being human... but at what terrible price?



Freida and Isabel have been best friends their whole lives. Now, aged sixteen, they expect to be selected as companions - wives to wealthy and powerful men. But as the intensity of the final year takes hold, Isabel starts to self-destruct. And then into this sealed female environment, the boys arrive, eager to choose a bride. Freida must fight for her future, even if it means betraying the only friend she has ever known...

About Louise O'Neill



Louise O' Neill is from Clonakilty, in west Cork. After graduating with a BA in English Studies at Trinity College Dublin, she went on to complete a post-grad in Fashion Buying at DIT. Having spent a year in New York working for Kate Lanphear, the senior Style Director of ELLE magazine, she returned home to Ireland to write her first novel.

She went from hanging out on set with A-list celebrities to spending most of her days in pyjamas while she writes, and has never been happier.

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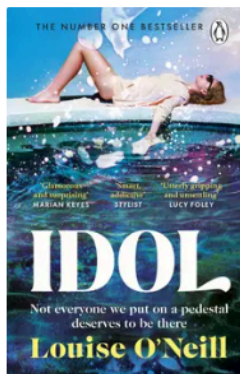
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