

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

## In the Red

1. Who killed Kirk Stryker? Why?
2. Who killed Marty Benning? Why?
3. Like Muriel, did you believe Marty Benning to be innocent? Why or why not?
4. Describe Muriel Adams's marriage. Was she justified in leaving her husband?
5. Is John Parker a good reporter? Why or why not?
6. Is Betty Munson a good detective? Why or why not?
7. Throughout the book, Anthony Satriano's family tells him he is an innocent man. Do you agree? Is Satriano guilty of anything?
8. How do you feel about Eva Sansfield? Sympathetic? Unsympathetic?
9. For different reasons, both Muriel and Roxanne question whether they are "good" mothers. Do you think they are? What are the qualities of a good mother?
10. Roxanne tells her son, Gordy, that the phrase "in the red" is about love, not money, because she didn't want to saddle him with her financial troubles. Have you ever lied to your children about something to keep them from worrying?
11. What will happen to Anthony Satriano? Will he resign his post as assemblyman? Will he pursue re-election?
12. Do you believe in "happily ever after"? Why or why not? What does the phrase mean to you?

