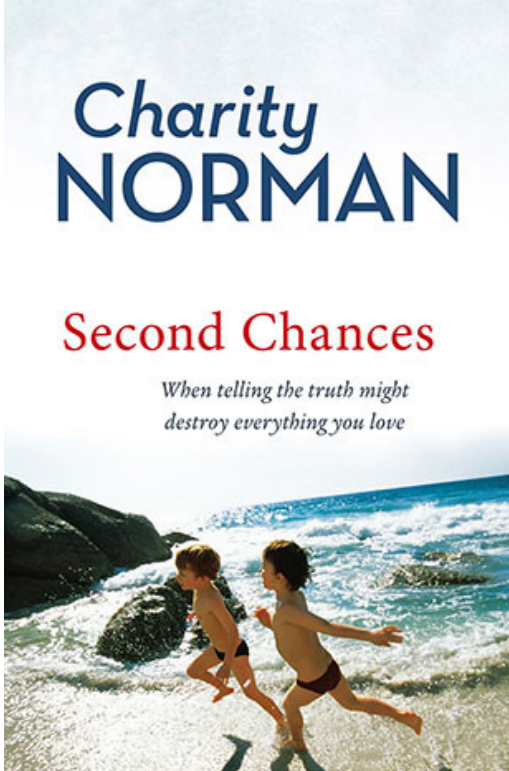


Reading Notes

Second Chances/After the Fall

- Charity Norman

1. Which character did you sympathise with most at the beginning? Did that change as the story unfolded?
 2. At what point does loyalty to a family member become unhealthy? Should we stand by someone we love even when we believe they have done something wrong?
 3. Did you trust everything the characters told you? Were there moments when you suspected that a character's version of events was shaped by guilt, fear or self-protection?
 4. Within the novel which secrets did you feel were justified, and which caused unnecessary damage? In life, do you believe telling the truth always make things better?
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5. Do you think Martha could have handled things better earlier on, by seeking professional help or intervention as soon as she began to understand what was happening to Sacha?
 6. Considering she didn't intervene earlier, do you think that her actions in the hospital in protecting her family were understandable?
 7. Are there any characters you'd like to deliver a lecture to? If so, who? What would you say?
 8. Did you find the ending believable? Was it a good solution? And what do you imagine happened to the character next?

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