

## BOOK GROUP QUESTIONS:

*Matinicus*

- 1.** An “unreliable narrator” is one who can't be trusted. Whether from ignorance or self-interest, this narrator speaks with a bias, makes mistakes, or even lies. Which characters in the novel do you consider to be unreliable narrators?
- 2.** Consider the role of baseball, specifically the 1955 Brooklyn Dodgers, in Gil's relationships and outlook on life.
- 3.** Parenting and surrogate parenting are recurring themes in both plotlines. Discuss how the strengths or weaknesses of each situation affects the characters involved.
- 4.** What parallels do you notice between the characters of Hannah and Tiffany? Are there parallels between any other characters in the two time periods?
- 5.** What do you think the author's purpose was in telling Hannah's story, rather than just referring to the diary in the present-day story?
- 6.** Using an actual place (and, in this case, its real name) as the setting for a novel has both advantages and disadvantages. If you were the author, would you have done this? Why or why not?