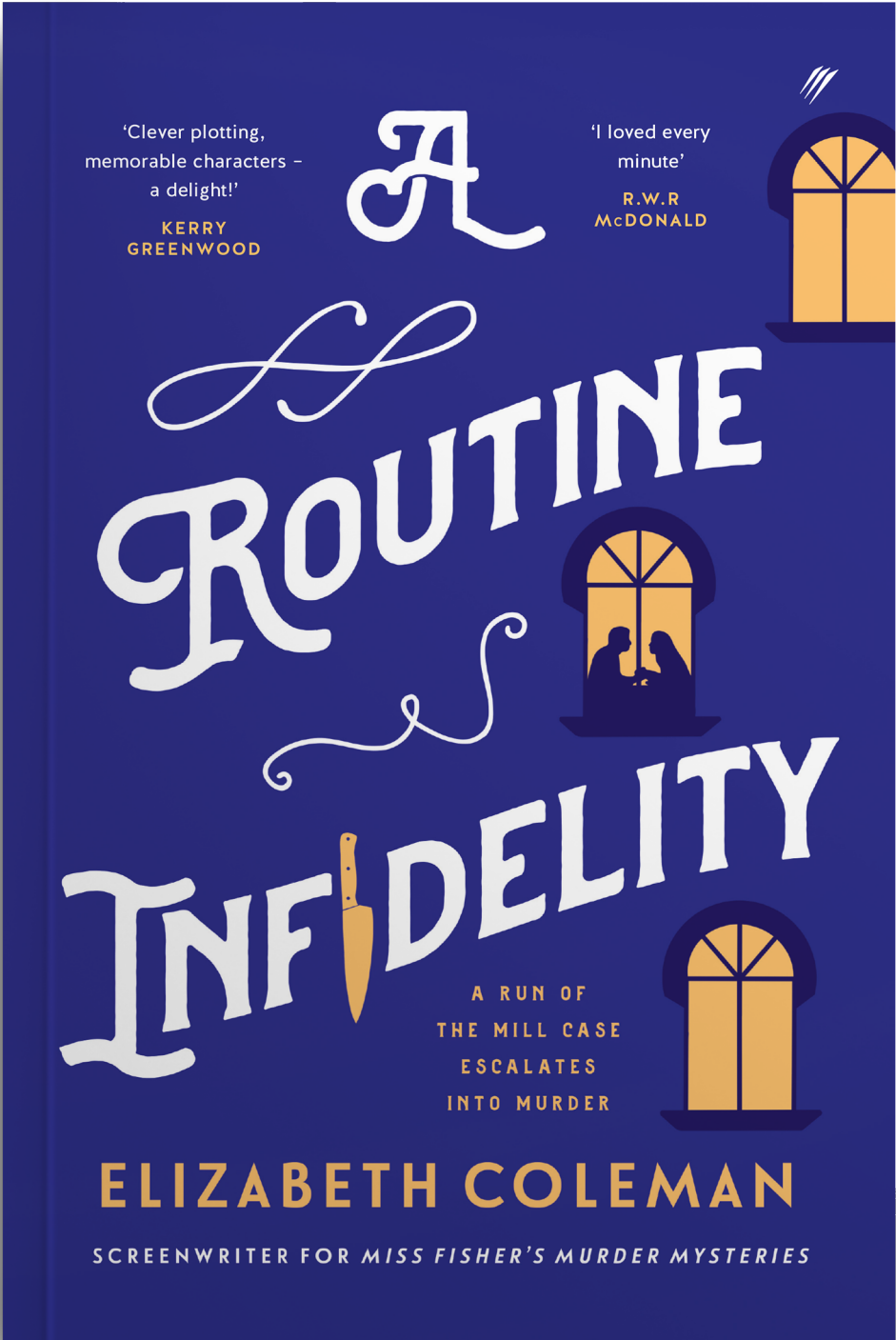
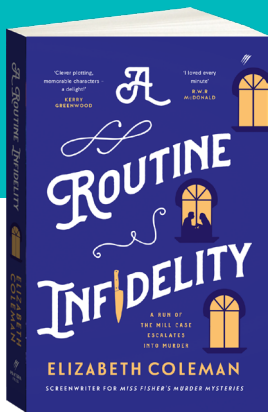


# BOOK CLUB NOTES





# A ROUTINE INFIDELITY

## By Elizabeth Coleman

### PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

*'Clever plotting, memorable characters – a delight!'*  
Kerry Greenwood

*'With Miss Marple as your sidekick how can you lose? I loved every minute with P.I. Ted.'*  
R.W.R McDonald

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Private investigator Edwina 'Ted' Bristol deals in the cheating spouses and missing chihuahuas of Melbourne, but yearns for the heart-stopping excitement of real crime.

When Ted discovers her sister, Bob, has fallen prey to an internet catfishing scam, she sets out with her beloved miniature schnauzer and shrewd sidekick, Miss Marple, to catch the swindler. Meanwhile, when conducting routine surveillance on a couple suspected of having an affair, she uncovers a plot to embezzle millions.

As Bob's case takes a series of bizarre twists and turns and the embezzlement investigation escalates into murder, Ted finds her own life in peril. Will she crack her first criminal case before it's too late?

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elizabeth Coleman is a successful screenwriter who has written on every season of *Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries* and *Miss Fisher's Modern Murder Mysteries*. She is also the author of the hit play *Secret Bridesmaids Business* and co-created the much-loved ABC drama *Bed of Roses*.

1. Which character did you connect with the most? Why?
2. If you were a Private Investigator, what would your animal sidekick be and what would they be called?
3. How would you describe the relationship between Ted and Bob? Who do you think is looking after who?
4. Why has Bridget's death affected Ted for so many years?
5. *'I've been coming to Bristol family functions for twenty years, and there's always a lot of noise, but there's also a lot you Bristols don't say.'* (p.48) One of the main problems in the Bristol family is poor communication – do you think this has changed by the end of the novel?
6. Do you think Chantal has genuine psychic abilities? Why?/Why not?
7. Did you suspect Fionnuala's true murderer? What clues did you notice?
8. Do you think that Ted and Bob should have reported Jackie to the police? Why?/Why not?
9. Miss Marple isn't Ted's only sidekick – she also gets help from her niece Chuck, surveillance agent Aunty June O'Shea, audio specialist John Wong and homicide detective Spike Tereiti. Who was your favourite human sidekick?
10. Ted has a friends-with-benefits relationship with Joel. Why do you think she can't commit to him? Has something changed in Ted by the end of the novel?
11. Do you think Spike is the right guy for Ted?
12. What was your favourite moment in the book?
13. What do you think are the essential elements to a good crime novel?