



**Book:** *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*

**Author:** Taylor Jenkins Reid

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**Time:** 8:00pm ET

**Facilitator:** Lisa Welch

**Summary:** Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon, Evelyn Hugo, is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. When she chooses an unknown magazine reporter, Monique Grant, for the job, no one in the journalism community is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now? Monique is not exactly on top of the world. Her husband, David, has left her, and her career has stagnated. Regardless of why Evelyn has chosen her to write her biography, Monique is determined to use this opportunity to jumpstart her career.

Summoned to Evelyn's Upper East Side apartment, Monique listens as Evelyn unfurls her story: from making her way to Los Angeles in the 1950s to her decision to leave show business in the late 80s, and, of course, the seven husbands along the way. As Evelyn's life unfolds - revealing a ruthless ambition and unexpected friendship and a great forbidden love - Monique begins to feel a very real connection to the actress. But as Evelyn's story catches up with the present, it becomes clear that her life intersects with Monique's own tragic and irreversible ways.

Written with Reid's signature talent for "creating complex, likable characters" (*Real Simple*), this is a fascinating journey through the splendor of Old Hollywood into the harsh realities of the present day as two women struggle with what it means - and what it takes - to face the truth.

**Things to Consider:** Death, abusive relationship, cheating, sexual assault, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorder, mention of abortion and suicide, miscarriage, cancer, and car accident.