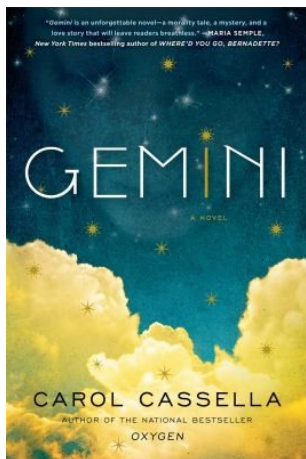


# Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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## Biography:



Carol Cassella majored in English Literature at Duke and attended Baylor College of Medicine. She is board certified in both internal medicine and anesthesiology. Prior to writing fiction Carol wrote for the Global Health division of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, covering their grant projects throughout the developing world. She is a founding member of Seattle7Writers, a non-profit supporting literacy and reading in the Pacific Northwest. She frequently appears as a speaker and teacher at literary events and conferences throughout the United States. Carol lives on Bainbridge Island, Washington with her husband and two sets of twins. She is currently working on her fourth novel. ([www.carolcassella.com/about](http://www.carolcassella.com/about). Retrieved 6/15/2015.)

## Similar Resources:



## Discussion Questions:

1. Why does Charlotte feel such a strong sense of responsibility for Jane Doe?
2. How does the small town of Quentin, with its natural beauty and financial struggles, shape Raney's life?
3. Charlotte and Eric's relationship is haunted by her desire to have a child, and his reluctance to do so. Why is the subject so difficult for them to discuss?
4. As a child, Raney makes do with scavenged house paint for her art. How does that same make-do attitude manifest in her adult life?
5. What is the significance of Raney burning her paintings when her grandfather's farm is sold? Why is this a turning point in her life as much as her grandfather's?
6. Why do you think the author chose Gemini, the zodiac sign represented by twins, as the title of the novel? How does she develop the theme established by the title? What characters or events are "twinned"?
7. Gemini contains several mysteries: Was there a particular revelation that you found most surprising or satisfying? What devices did the author use to maintain suspense?
8. Discuss the role of genetics in the novel. How does Eric's "fatal flaw" link the characters? (Questions from the publisher)