

## The Sharp Edge of Mercy

### Book Club Questions

1. Did Lillian make the right choice to end Mrs. Sokolova's life? Why or why not?
2. Should Lillian have faced more consequences for ending Mrs. Sokolova's life?
3. Was Lillian justified in taking Marie away from Helen? Was Marie violated by what Helen did?
4. Why do you think Jupiter stayed at his crematorium job after he discovers that Dr. Sims is dead?
5. Why do you think the author chose to have Dr. Bauer have a foot fetish?
6. How many medical ethics issues can you identify in this story?
7. How many "victimless crimes" can you identify in this story?
8. Did you find Lillian's evolving view of Dr. Bauer credible?
9. How did the experiences in this story change Lillian?
10. Could the events involving Lillian, Dr. Bauer and Mrs. Sokolova have happened in current day? Why or why not?
11. Have you had experiences in your own life that are similar to what Lillian faced?