She's Up to No Good book club questions

1. Family dynamics play an important role in the novel—what was your favorite family relationship and why?
2. Jenna introduces Evelyn as saying she’s an “inveterate liar.” Is this an accurate assessment?
3. Jenna reflects frequently on the “Instagram-ability” of her life. How does this reflect society currently?
4. Which version of Evelyn do you prefer? Old or young? Why?
5. Chapter seven is the only chapter not told from either Evelyn’s point of view or Jenna’s, but Miriam’s. Does this insight into Miriam’s life offer her a redemption arc?
6. Evelyn forgives Miriam after learning about Frank. Do you?
7. Joseph is a pillar of the community, but how does he stand up as a father? As a husband?
8. Hereford itself is a character in the novel. What part would you most like to experience if it were real?
9. What’s your favorite moment between Evelyn and Tony?
10. Who breaks whose heart more?
11. Evelyn states that it’s possible to love two people equally in entirely different ways. Does this ring true?
12. Vivie’s mental health is swept under the rug until Evelyn’s confession to Jenna. How is this reflective of the time period? What might have happened differently had she been born into a different era?
13. Food is important in both the Jewish and Portuguese cultures portrayed in the novel as a way of continuing one’s heritage while also Americanizing. What culinary traditions does your family keep?
14. What do you think Tony does in the years between Evelyn’s marriage and the present? Is he happy?
15. Who was your favorite side character?
16. Is Evelyn actually up to no good? Or is that just her reputation?
17. Did you guess that Evelyn owned the cottage?
18. How did your own grandparents meet?
19. Where do you see Jenna and Joe in the future?