

THE HERD by EMILY EDWARDS

The story centres around two women, Elizabeth and Bryony – complete opposites in every way, but best friends for years. They are godmothers to each other's daughters and trust that the safety of their children is a top priority for both of them. Little do they realise that they differ over one very important issue. A little white lie before a birthday party leads to disastrous consequences.

This book led to a lot of discussion within our book group. A very topical book as it raises the issues of vaccination and herd immunity, although the author started writing it before the pandemic after overhearing a conversation between other mothers while she was pregnant. None of us particularly warmed to the two main characters but still felt it was a good read with an unexpected ending.