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**BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Of all the characters from book one (*She Does Good Hair*), who do you think changed the most at the beginning of book two?
2. In book one, Katya was known as Kathy Smith—or as Harriet referred to her, the Mouse—what might have encouraged her to take back her real name?
3. Katya wants to take back more of her identity, but something keeps her from doing that. Discuss what that might be. Have you ever felt that you weren't free to be yourself?
4. Shira is busy with her clients, running a salon, the construction of the school, discipleship with Cari, and Jesse. What do you think of her priorities? Can you identify?
5. Out of desperation or perhaps divine direction, Shira hires Linda and Daye. Have you ever made a decision without telling others even when that decision affects them? Discuss positive and negative aspects of that decision?
6. In book one, Beulah was portrayed as a rock of dependability and faith. In this book, Beulah struggles with a crisis of faith. What do you think is the root of that crisis? Have you ever experienced a time when you questioned God's love for you?
7. What finally "woke" Beulah up?
8. Beulah now has two suitors, Shaun and Sam. Who makes a better match for her? Why?
9. To some degree, Harriet assumes a different role in this book. How would you describe her role within the hair mavens?
10. When Miss Linda arrives on the scene, the maven dynamics changed. Discuss the pros and cons of that change.
11. As the wife of a high-profile pastor (Pastor Gregory has a television show), what challenges might Linda encounter, especially in dealing with her grief and family problems?
12. Why do you think Shira offered Daye a job?
13. Bringing in two new women to a close-knit group of ladies can test their commitment and comfort. How did that happen with the mavens?
14. Shira talks with Jesse about the vision God gave her. She paraphrases John 17:20—26, when Yeshua (Jesus' Name in Hebrew) prayed to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. After His prayer for His

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Jewish disciples, He prayed that as the disciples went to other nations, these new Gentile converts would be united as one with the Jewish believers—“so the world will know who” Yeshua is. He even prayed for us—today—who would learn of Him through the Bible. How is that unity beginning to happen at The Hair Mavens Salon?

15. During “the Incident” who most benefited from that unity?
16. As a victim of rape, Katya’s journeys from frightened “mouse” to angry maven to the first steps in moving past what happened, all the way to some kind of healing. Discuss her journey and share if you, or someone you’ve known, have made a similar journey.
17. As of publishing, one in three women will have experienced domestic violence by an intimate partner. Cut It Out® is a real program (see AUTHOR NOTES) that has gone to great lengths (pun intended) to train salon professionals to administer support “discreetly”. Discuss what Katya did wrong.
18. Of all the characters, with whom do you most identify? Discuss why.
19. Tucked within each story of the Hair Mavens series is a secret Ruth and Naomi. In book one, Ruth was Beulah and Naomi was Shira. Discuss who you think are the Ruth and Naomi characters in book two.
20. Of all the characters in *CUT IT OUT!* which do you think changed most by the *end* of the book? Discuss your choice.

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