

Book Club Questions – *The Tea Ladies*

- 1) *The Tea Ladies* showcases a tight community of strong women pushing against the sensibilities and limitations of the times. In what ways did the actions of Hazel, Betty and Irene surprise you?
- 2) Did you have a favourite tea lady and why?
- 3) Is it easy for you to imagine a time in which ladies served tea to employees in large organisations such as Empire Fashionwear?
- 4) In what ways was life in the 1960s easier, and in what ways was it harder? Do you think life was better back then?
- 5) This book celebrates the swinging sixties in all its technicolour glory. Other than the glorious fashion, what aspects of the era did you think the author captured well?
- 6) Did your impression of Hazel change over the course of the story?
- 7) Do you think Hazel made the right decision about Bob?
- 8) Who do you imagine playing the roles of the tea ladies in a television series?
- 9) What other authors writing in this cosy crime genre do you like to read?
- 10) Have you read any other books by Amanda Hampson, and if so, what aspects of her storytelling do you most enjoy?