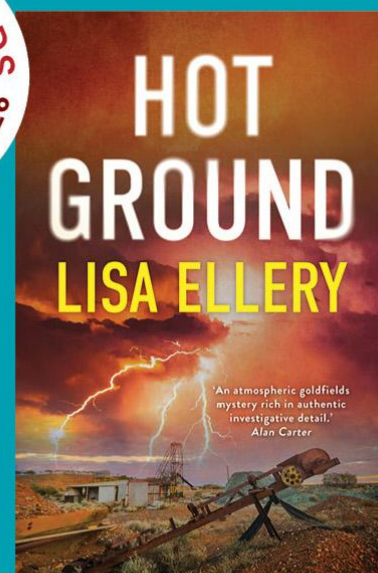




# SummerReads

## BOOK DISCUSSION GUIDE



### *Hot ground* by Lisa Ellery (Fremantle Press)

1. What is 'hot ground' and why has the author chosen this as her title?
2. Why do you think that Ellery opens the book with chapters written from a variety of points of view?
3. How would you describe the character of Detective Jessy Parkin? What are her good qualities and what are her shortcomings?
4. In what ways is Jessy reminded she is living and working in a hypermasculine environment? In what ways does this matter / not matter to Jessy herself?
5. Do you think Max Cochrane might be a typical kind of Kalgoorlie resident, or a man from an earlier era? What other glimpses of the kinds of people who live and work in Kalgoorlie does this novel provide?
6. What does this novel have to say about loyalty and mateship?
7. In what ways do you think the setting's geography and sheer distance are integral to the crime itself?
8. Is Mia a sympathetic character? What do you think has made her the way she is?
9. How would you describe her relationship with her husband Nick?
10. What does Jessy decide when it comes to affairs of the heart? Does this surprise you?

### Questions from Fremantle Press Book Club Notes