Reading group guide: Small Hours at the Baths

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Small Hours at the Baths by Nell Garroway (Harrow Lane Books, 2021)

Questions for discussion

1. Why does Iris choose the Channel distance, and why in a pool rather than the sea?

2. Dev keeps a rule book he never shows anyone. Which rules does he break, and which does he keep?

3. The baths are almost a third character. What does the building mean to the people who use it?

4. How does the novel use humour to talk about grief?

5. Who do you think the anonymous letters are from, and when did you know?

6. Iris swims at five in the morning. What do the small hours give the people in this book that the day does not?

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