

***If a Tree Falls* A Family's Quest to Hear and Be Heard**
by Jennifer Rosner

Book Club Discussion Guide

- 1) What are the choices that Rosner and her husband face as parents of a newborn deaf baby?
- 2) What considerations would you find most compelling if you were faced with such choices?
- 3) How does Rosner's exploration of deafness go beyond the literal inability to hear?
- 4) What role does imagination play for Rosner, as mother and author?
- 5) How does the metaphor of string function throughout the book?
- 6) How does Rosner's ancestral back story (in its real and imagined detail) function in the contemporary storyline?
- 7) How much do you know about your ancestors, and how does that knowledge function in your lives?