

Stella and Margie by Glenna Thomson

- 1. Do you consider Margie a weak person because she didn't leave her marriage?
- 2. From the perspective of deceiving another woman, how do you judge Margie for having an affair?
- 3. What is the significance of the birds? What do they represent
- 4. How do you feel about the phrase, 'I did my best', in the context of motherhood, and the judgements we make of our mothers, and ourselves as mothers?
- 5. Do you relate to Stella's determination for self-expression and independence beyond being a wife and mother?
- 6. What is good about Stella and Ross's marriage?
- 7. Was Stella right to bring Margie back to Maryhill against Ross's wishes?
- 8. Do you think Margie might have succumbed to Chester's charms had she been in a different relationship?
- 9. Is the relationship between daughters-in-law and mothers-in-law with differing personalities always bound to be fraught?
- 10. If you were in Margie's marriage, would you have done anything differently? If so, what and how?