## Book: Shift Happens, by J.C. McKenzie

## **Book Specific Questions:**

1. Why do you think Andy has no difficulty using her body for her job, but hesitates to enter a physical relationship with Wick?

2. What impact do you think the location (the Greater Vancouver Area) had on the story and plot?

3. A series of natural disasters and diseases killed off a large number of the weak, nonsupernatural humans and exposed a wide variety of supernatural beings previously hiding within our society. If such events were to occur in real life, what do you think the mass extinction would reveal about mankind and our humanity. Who or what would survive?

- 4. What do you think the three animals Andy shifts into represent? 5. Andy has a brutal past. Do you think this makes her stronger or more vulnerable?
- Scent plays an important role in this book and Andy associates emotions with specific smells. (see extra materials: scent guide). How would the following emotions smell to you? Happy, Sad, Grief, Regret, Pain, Love, Lust

## **General Questions:**

7. What did you like best about this book? 8. What did you like least about this book? 9. Which characters in the book did you like the best? Who were you rooting for? What made them lovable? Did they get the ending they deserved? 10. Which characters did you like the least? What made them despicable? Did they get what they deserved? What ending would you write for them? 11. Share a favorite quote from the book. Why did this quote stand out? 12. What feelings did this book evoke for you? 13. The author references songs without naming them (due to copyright reasons). What songs does this book make you think of? Create a book group playlist together!

- 14. What kinds of illustrations would you include with this book?
- 15. Which places in the book would you most like to visit?
- 16. What do you think of the book's title? How does it relate to the book's contents? What other title might you choose?
- 17. If you could hear this same story from another person's point of view, who would you choose and why?
- 18. What was your favourite part about the world-building?
- 19. Did the characters seem believable to you? Did they remind you of anyone you know in real life?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the author (See "Book Club" page on jcmckenzie.ca for booking and contact information)?