ESL Book Club 2024 – June Discussion Questions

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

Discussion Date: June 7, 2024, 10:30 am – 12 pm in Central Park Library – Sycamore Room

- 1. When you first read that Owen went missing, what did you think happened?
- 2. On the note Owen left for Hannah, why did Owen conceal his past to both Hannah and Bailey? How would you react if your spouse deceived you about the central details of their life?
- 3. Why was Bailey so cold to Hannah in the beginning? When did she began to warm up to her?
- 4. Hannah was raised by her grandfather. So, she was not used to being part of a family unit. How Hannah and Bailey eventually became each other's "found" family.
- 5. Hannah eventually realizes that Owen has connections to Austin, Texas. Do you agree with Hannah's decision to go to Austin? What would you have done if you were Hannah?
- 6. Why did Hannah go to Nicholas herself?
- 7. Should Hannah have agreed to go into witness protection program with Owen and Bailey or did she make the right decision in making a deal with Nicholas so Bailey could keep her identity?
- 8. Imagine what that might be like for you and your family to be in a witness protection program. What names would you choose? What jobs, hobbies or identifying activities would you have to give up? How would you make a life for yourself?
- 9. Do you think Bailey ever managed a relationship with Nicholas or any her cousins?
- 10. What do think of Bailey calling Hannah mom at the end of the story?

- 11. How would you feel if you were asked to take care of someone else's child? In what circumstances might you say yes, or no?
- 12. Did the characters seem believable to you? Did they remind you of anyone you know?
- 13. Rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest.