

# ATPE BOOK of the month CLUB

## **The Orange Houses** by Paul Griffin

*\*This book contains subject matter and language that some might find offensive.*

1. What does liberty mean to Fatima? What does it mean to you?
2. Why doesn't Mik want to go to college?
3. Jimmi Sixes was on a mission to find out if life was worth living. What did he find out?
4. Out of the three main characters in the book (Mik, Fatima and Jimmi), which do you most identify with, and why?
5. Compare Fatima's and Mik's ideas of beauty. Compare their ideas of wealth.
6. Describe Mik's relationship with her mother. How does it evolve throughout the story?
7. What is the significance of NaNa's telling Mik: "More than God, you know whom you go to ask for forgiveness? Whom you got to go to for compassion, to show mercy? To give all y'all's love? ... You."
8. Why is Mik so attached to her old hearing aids?
9. Jimmi refers to the "great big lie that everything is OK." How do you feel about this statement?
10. What is the significance of the orange houses?

