



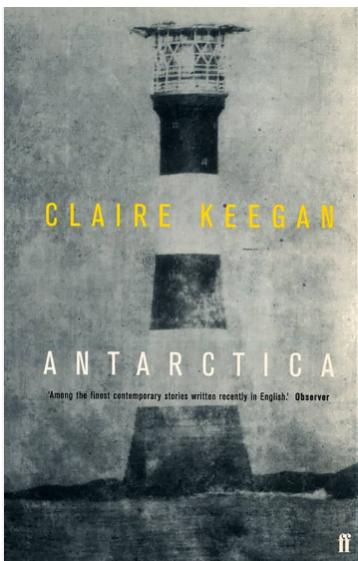
Prison Reading Groups  
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## Book Talk

### *Antarctica*

by Claire Keegan

Number of pages: 224



A selection of contemplative short stories focusing mainly on the ideas of dreams, memory and chance. It was published in 1999 to great acclaim in both the UK and the USA and has been described as “the finest contemporary stories written recently in English” by the Observer.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *Small Things like These* by the same author, or the short stories of Katherine Mansfield.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think that any particular themes cut across all of the stories in the collection?
2. Did you connect with any characters in particular?

3. Did you think that the author portrayed the different genders differently?

4. Do you prefer collections of short stories or one longer, more developed story?

5. Did you enjoy Keegan's stories that ended with cliffhangers, or were you left feeling unfulfilled?