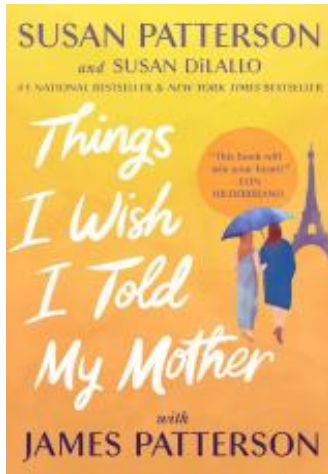


# Things I Wish I Told My Mother

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## About the Book

**A mother and daughter on vacation in Paris and Norway unpack a lifetime of secrets and hopes --- with a giant Pattersonian twist at the end!**

**Every daughter has her own distinctive voice, her inimitable style and her secrets.**

Laurie is an artist, a collector of experiences. She travels the world with a worn beige duffel bag.

**Every mother has her own distinctive voice, her inimitable style and her secrets.**

?Dr. Liz,? Laurie?s mother, is an elegant perfectionist who travels the world with a matched set of suitcases.

When Laurie surprises her mother with a dream vacation, it brings an unexpected sparkle to her eyes. So begins THINGS I WISH I TOLD MY MOTHER. You will wish this novel never ends.

## Discussion Guide

1. THINGS I WISH I TOLD MY MOTHER reveals secrets from both mother and daughter. What secrets do you want to share with your mother or daughter?
2. Do you see your own relationships reflected in Liz and Laurie?s? How are you different? How are you the same? Do you have any regrets?
3. If you could travel anywhere with your mother or daughter, where would you go?

4. What's on your mother?daughter bucket list?
5. Describe your mother or daughter in one word.
6. How has your relationship with your mother or daughter evolved over time?
7. What are your best and worst mother?daughter characteristics?
8. If you lost your mother today --- and could speak with her one last time --- what would you say?
9. Share a favorite mother?daughter recipe, photo, memory, song, place, or thing to do together.
10. What's the most important thing your mother taught you? And mothers, what have you learned from your daughters?

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