

## Kelle Z Riley: *Shaken, Not Purred* — A Reading Group Guide

Warning! These questions contain MANY spoilers.

If you have not already read the book, do not read these questions.

- In *Shaken, Not Purred* chemist Bree Watson get a chance at a “do over” where she restarts her life and career in unconventional ways.
  - Did you ever want to wipe the slate clean and start a new career?
  - How did you do it (or fantasize about doing it)?
  - Did things work out as expected? Why or why not?
- While in the middle of her new job assignment, Bree discovers a murder that changes everything, and makes her juggle competing priorities.
  - How do you handle changes of plans?
  - Do you think Bree made the right choice when she decided to help solve the murder?
  - Do you agree with the way she handles Matthew, James, and their clashing demands?
- Bree’s new career as a spy involves more lies than she is comfortable with, and it creates some interesting dilemmas for her.
  - Do you think she should continue as a spy or do you think the personal price she pays is too high?
  - How do you respond when being asked to hide the truth for the sake of a job?
  - Is telling “the whole truth” always a good idea? Why or why not?
- Matthew Tugood’s background indicates he’s served as a military man in difficult circumstances before becoming a spy. There are also hints of a mission failure that sent him into the private sector.
  - Do you think soldiers who’ve returned from war are changed by the experience?
  - When someone has spent years working in “dark places” do you think it is possible to return to a normal life?
  - One of Matthew’s goals is to catch “the one that got away” (Zed). Do you think it is wise to keep pursuing an elusive goal? Or should a person just “let it go?”
  - How do you think he will handle working with Bree on future missions?
- Do you think Bree should have joined Matthew’s team? Would you?

