1. What did you think of the opening chapter starting with a "bang'?
2. Did the opening make you want to stop reading or did it make you want to hurry up to find out what happened?
3. Do you like the way the music of Springsteen is referred to or did you find it distracting?
4. How do you feel about the way the issue of depression after loss of a child was handled? Was it realistic?
5. Would you want to be friends with any of the characters? If so, which ones? Sofia? Amy? Terri?
6. Did you have a favorite character?
7. How did you feel about Sofia's husband moving back in with her after his heart attack? Is that something you could see yourself doing?
8. How did you feel about Sofia agreeing to redecorate her old home after Jerome asks her to do so with the intention of moving in with his mistress?
9. What part of the book made you sad?
10. Did any part of the story make you happy?
11. Would you like to go to Yappy Hour? Would you consider adopting a dog at an event such as Yappy Hour?
12. Have you ever visited the Jersey Shore? Would you like to?
13. Was it a surprise to you that the Jersey Shore in this book is quite different from other depictions of the Jersey Shore in reality tv shows such as Jersey Shore?
14. Have you ever gone to a clambake on the beach?
15. Were you satisfied at the end of the book?
16. What do you think will happen to Sofia and Sammy?
17. Have you ever used music to get over a breakup or sad situation? What type of music?