

book club discussion questions



About the Title	Discuss the title of the book. What would you title this book?
About the Author	What did you already know about the author? How does this book compare to other books or works of this author with which you are familiar? Do you believe the author's personal life affected the story in any way?
About the Cover Art	Does the cover artwork well for this book? How would you design the cover art?
About the Writing Style	What were your thoughts on the writing style? Do you have any favorite quotes from the book? Did you find the book to be a page-turner or a slow burn? Did you find the book to be more character-driven or plot-driven? Was the book too short, too long, or just right in length?

	<p>Was the pacing too fast, too slow, or just right?</p> <p>Was the story presented with any bias?</p>
General Questions	<p>In what form did you read the book (paper, ebook, audiobook)?</p> <p>What did you like about the book?</p> <p>What did you dislike about the book?</p> <p>How would you rate this book on a scale of 1-10?</p> <p>What emotions did this book make you feel?</p> <p>How long did it take you to read this book?</p> <p>Describe the book in one sentence.</p> <p>What was your favorite part of the book?</p> <p>What was your least favorite part of the book?</p> <p>Did any parts of the book surprise you?</p> <p>Did this book remind you of any other books?</p> <p>To whom would you recommend this book?</p> <p>Did your opinion of the book change or stay the same as you read it?</p> <p>Do you have any questions about the book?</p> <p>Do you believe the book touched upon any broader social issues?</p> <p>Did any historical or cultural references stand out to you?</p> <p>Are you glad you read this book?</p> <p>Did this book feel original to you?</p> <p>How did this book compare to other books in this genre?</p>

	<p>Was the book similar or different from what you usually read?</p>
About the Beginning	<p>Discuss the first sentence of the book.</p> <p>Was this a good opening for this book?</p> <p>How would you start the book?</p>
About the Plot	<p>What was the major conflict to be resolved?</p> <p>What were the themes of the book?</p> <p>What was the main point of this book?</p> <p>Were there any holes in the plot?</p> <p>Was the plot believable?</p> <p>Did you uncover any symbols in the book?</p> <p>Discuss the tone of the book.</p> <p>Would you cut out any sections or storylines from this book?</p> <p>Would you add any sections or storylines to this book?</p> <p>Whose "story" was this -- the author, the narrator, or another character?</p>
About the Characters	<p>How would you describe the characters?</p> <p>What did you like about the characters?</p> <p>What did you dislike about the characters?</p> <p>What were the characters' biggest struggles?</p> <p>What are the characters' strengths and weaknesses?</p>

	<p>To which character did you most relate or empathize?</p> <p>What do you think would happen in the characters' lives if the book continued?</p> <p>Did you agree with any of the characters' specific actions?</p> <p>Did you disagree with any of the characters' specific actions?</p> <p>Did the characters remind you of anyone?</p> <p>Were the characters believable?</p> <p>Were you able to easily keep track of the characters?</p> <p>Were the characters one-dimensional or multi-dimensional?</p> <p>What motivated the characters' actions?</p> <p>What did you think about the way the characters related to each other?</p> <p>How did the characters influence each other?</p> <p>Was the main character reliable or unreliable?</p> <p>Did the main character's journey come full circle?</p> <p>Were you able to envision the characters in your mind?</p> <p>How do you think you would act if you were in the characters' shoes?</p> <p>How did the characters change throughout the book?</p> <p>Did the characters learn any lessons?</p>
About the Setting(s)	<p>Discuss the setting(s) and the impact of the setting(s) on the story.</p> <p>Have you ever been to a location in this book?</p>

	<p>Did the book inspire any travel plans for you?</p> <p>How would the book differ in another setting?</p> <p>Were you able to envision the setting in your mind?</p>
About Point(s) of View	<p>Discuss the point(s) of view and whether it/they worked for this book.</p> <p>Would you prefer a different point(s) of view?</p> <p>How would the book change if told from a different point(s) of view?</p>
About the Timeframe / Chronology of Events	<p>Did the timeframe of the book affect the plot?</p> <p>How would the plot differ in another time frame?</p> <p>What did you think of the way the author presented the chronology of events (i.e., linear, backward, jumping in time)?</p> <p>How would a different chronology of events change the story?</p>
About the Ending	<p>Were you able to "guess" the ending?</p> <p>Was the ending satisfying?</p> <p>How did you want the book to end?</p> <p>Discuss the last sentence of the book.</p> <p>Did the ending leave anything unresolved?</p>
Beyond the	<p>Did you search anything about the book while reading it?</p> <p>Did the book change your opinions or way of thinking at</p>

Book	<p>all?</p> <p>What will you remember most about this book in a few months?</p> <p>Did you learn anything new by reading this book?</p> <p>Did reading the book affect anything in your own life?</p>
Hypotheticals / For Fun	<p>Who would you cast in a movie about this book?</p> <p>What emojis best capture this book?</p> <p>What Enneagram number would you assign to the characters?</p> <p>What Zodiac sign do you think the characters are?</p> <p>What is the personality type of the characters?</p> <p>What would you ask the author about this book if given the opportunity?</p> <p>Which supporting character would make the most interesting main character in a spinoff?</p> <p>What songs would you add to a playlist for this book?</p> <p>What would be the ideal food or drink to consume while reading this book?</p> <p>If you were this author's editor, what feedback would you give?</p> <p>Is there another author you would like to see tell this story?</p> <p>Would you read any other books in a series including this book?</p>