



Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow

Gabrielle Zevin

A tender, sweeping story of two friends who build video games and a complicated bond across decades, perfect for a cozy night of heartfelt conversation.

Reading level: Moderate **Pages:** 416

Best for: Clubs who love character-driven stories and lingering over feelings with a second cup of tea

Discussion

WARM-UP

1. What game, book, or show from your childhood still feels like home when you revisit it? Did anything in these pages bring that feeling back?
2. Where did you do most of your reading, and was there a snack, blanket, or playlist that became part of your time with this book?

DIGGING IN

1. Sam and Sadie find each other through play. Who was the friend you built imaginary worlds with, and what did that closeness feel like?
2. The book lingers on small comforts: a borrowed sweater, a shared meal, a familiar room. Which little moment in the story felt the most tender to you?
3. Creative collaboration can feel like love. Have you ever made something with someone where the making mattered as much as the result?
4. The title hints at second chances and do-overs. Is there a season of your own life you'd like to replay, not to fix, just to feel again?

GOING DEEP

1. This book sits with grief in a quiet, generous way. Was there a passage that comforted you, or one you had to set down for a minute before continuing?
2. Sam and Sadie's friendship stretches, frays, and reshapes itself over many years. What did the book leave you feeling about the long, imperfect love of old friends?

On the table

Build-your-own grilled cheese bar with tomato soup shooters

Childhood comfort food that mirrors the book's tender nostalgia for simpler days

Homemade pizza bagels and dorm-snack platter (Goldfish, fruit, chocolate)

A nod to the late-night Cambridge college years when Sam and Sadie's worlds collide

Warm chocolate chip cookies straight from the oven

Soft, sweet, and forgiving, like the best friendships in the story

To sip

Hot cocoa with marshmallows and a peppermint stick (no alcohol)

Cozy mug-in-hands warmth for a story that spans winters and quiet rooms

Genmaicha or hojicha tea service (no alcohol)

A gentle nod to Sam's family and the comforts of home in Echo Park

Spiked apple cider with cinnamon

An indulgent grown-up sipper for the long talks that go past midnight

Run of show

7:00	Soft landing Greet guests with cocoa or cider, dim lamps, light a candle, let the playlist do the welcoming
7:15	Grilled cheese and warm-ups Plate up comfort food while everyone shares their childhood game or favorite reading nook
7:40	Theme talk Move to the cozy seating and work through the theme questions, no rush, let stories wander
8:15	Cookie break Pull cookies from the oven, refill mugs, play a quick round of trivia for fun
8:30	Deeper waters Settle back in for the two deep questions, keep tissues nearby just in case
9:00	Scorecards and send-off Fill out scorecards together, hand out bookmarks, linger as long as folks want to stay

HOST TIPS

- Keep the lighting low and layered (lamps, candles, fairy lights), overhead lights break the cozy spell
- Have extra blankets within arm's reach and let people curl up on the floor if they want
- If the conversation gets emotional, pause for tea instead of pushing to the next question

Playlist

Soft, nostalgic, lightly synth-tinged, the sound of memory and warm rooms

01 Bloom - The Paper Kites

03 Saturn - Sleeping at Last

05 Sweet Disposition - The Temper Trap

07 First Day of My Life - Bright Eyes

02 Re: Stacks - Bon Iver

04 Holocene - Bon Iver

06 Vienna - Billy Joel

08 Aerodynamic (Acoustic) - Daft Punk / Anamanaguchi covers

Trivia

1. Who wrote *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*? (Gabrielle Zevin)
2. In what year was the novel first published? (2022)
3. The title is borrowed from a famous soliloquy in which Shakespeare play? (*Macbeth*)
4. Two universities in the Boston/Cambridge area feature prominently as the main characters' schools. Name either one. (Harvard or MIT)
5. The novel centers on characters who design and build what kind of creative work together? (Video games)
6. Gabrielle Zevin is also known for an earlier bestseller about a bookstore owner on a small island. What is its title? (*The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry*)
7. Much of Sam's childhood in the novel takes place in which Los Angeles neighborhood, known for its Korean American community? (Koreatown (with time in Echo Park))
8. The book became a major bestseller on which long-running American newspaper's fiction list in 2022? (*The New York Times*)

Rate the book

Coziness Factor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Made Me Feel Things ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Characters I'd Hug ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Made Me Call an Old Friend ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Overall Comfort Read ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book left me: _____

A memory it brought back: _____

Who I want to share it with next: _____

YOU'RE INVITED

Pajamas, Cocoa, and *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow*

Come over for grilled cheese, warm cookies, and a slow, soft evening talking about Sam, Sadie, and the friendships that shape us. Bring slippers.



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