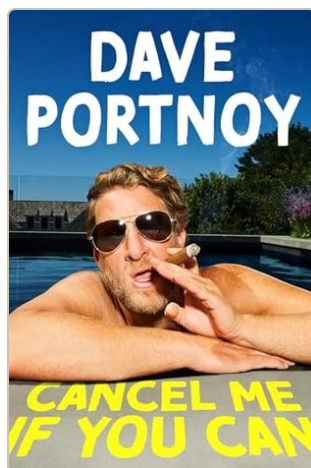


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Cancel Me If You Can

Dave Portnoy

🌙 COZY NIGHT

A candid, self-made founder's story of building Barstool Sports from a scrappy four-page newspaper into a digital media empire, told with unfiltered hustle and humor. It is an easy, conversational read that sparks warm talk about grit, loyalty, and chasing a dream.

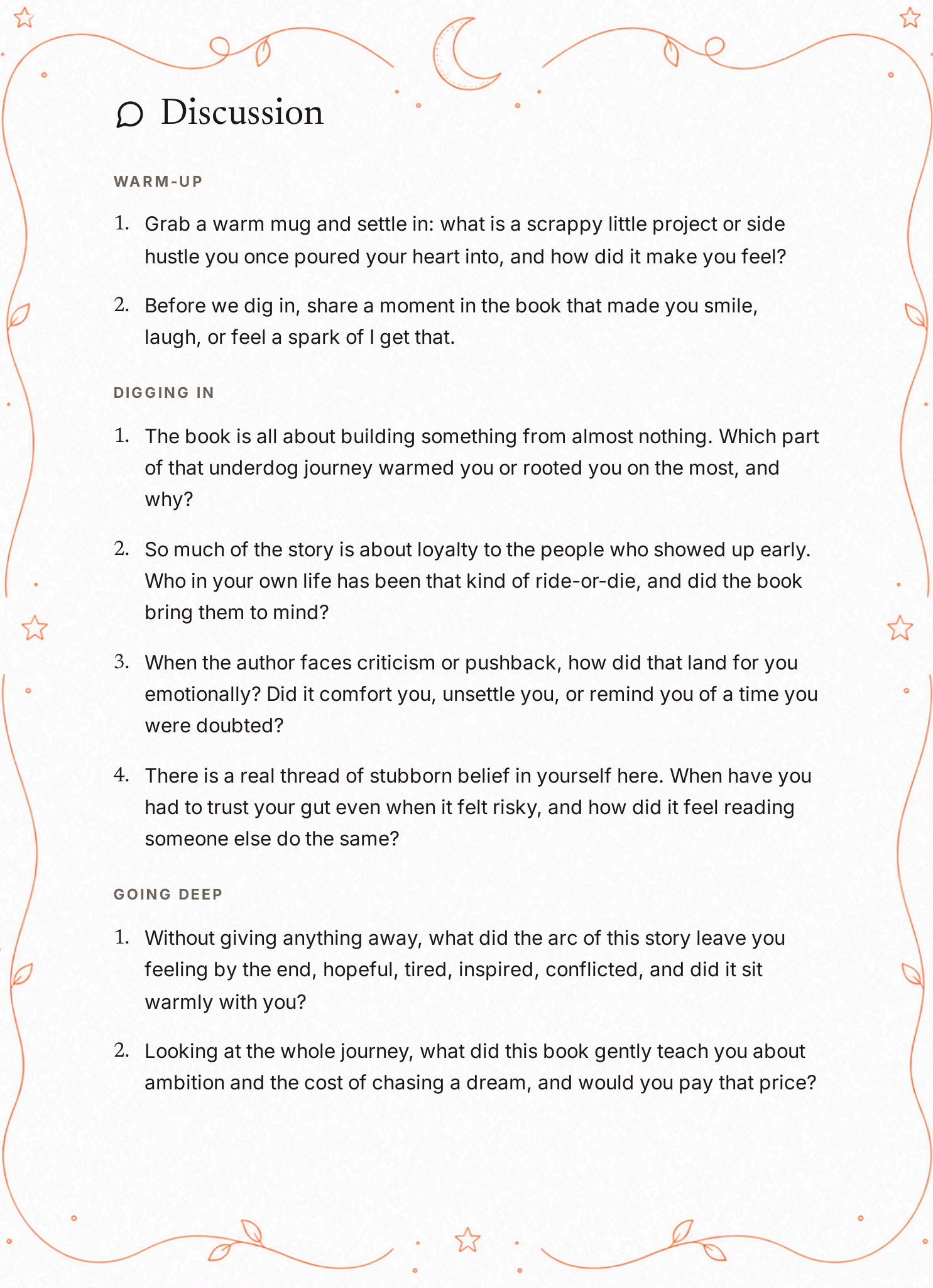
Cozy Night In: Cancel Me If You Can

Pull up a comfy chair for warm cider, loaded nachos, and easygoing talk about one wild underdog hustle. Come as you are, finished the book or not.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: A relaxed club that loves real-life stories, strong personalities, and cozy debate over comfort food





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Grab a warm mug and settle in: what is a scrappy little project or side hustle you once poured your heart into, and how did it make you feel?
2. Before we dig in, share a moment in the book that made you smile, laugh, or feel a spark of I get that.

DIGGING IN

1. The book is all about building something from almost nothing. Which part of that underdog journey warmed you or rooted you on the most, and why?
2. So much of the story is about loyalty to the people who showed up early. Who in your own life has been that kind of ride-or-die, and did the book bring them to mind?
3. When the author faces criticism or pushback, how did that land for you emotionally? Did it comfort you, unsettle you, or remind you of a time you were doubted?
4. There is a real thread of stubborn belief in yourself here. When have you had to trust your gut even when it felt risky, and how did it feel reading someone else do the same?

GOING DEEP

1. Without giving anything away, what did the arc of this story leave you feeling by the end, hopeful, tired, inspired, conflicted, and did it sit warmly with you?
2. Looking at the whole journey, what did this book gently teach you about ambition and the cost of chasing a dream, and would you pay that price?

☕ On the table & to sip

TO EAT

☺ **Loaded stadium nachos**

A nod to Barstool's sports-bar roots, warm and shareable for a low-pressure night

☺ **Slow-cooker buffalo chicken sliders**

Homey game-day comfort food that feeds a crowd with easy, doable effort

🏠 **Warm soft pretzels with beer-cheese dip**

Cozy pub-style snacking that fits the scrappy, blue-collar hustle of the story



TO SIP

☕ **Spiked hot cider**

A warm, indulgent mug that keeps the gathering relaxed and toasty

☕ **Local craft lager**

An easygoing nod to the sports-bar spirit at the heart of the book

☕ **Warm spiced apple cider (non-alcoholic) (no alcohol)**

A nurturing, comforting pour so everyone has a cozy mug in hand



Run of show

7:00

Warm welcome

Greet everyone with a mug of hot cider and let folks settle into the comfiest seats

7:20

Comfort food graze

Set out the nachos and sliders and ease in with the warm-up questions

7:45

Cozy conversation

Move gently through the theme questions, no pressure to have polished takes

8:20

Trivia break

Lighen things up with a friendly round of author and Barstool trivia

8:40

Deeper reflections

Refill mugs and drift into the two deeper questions

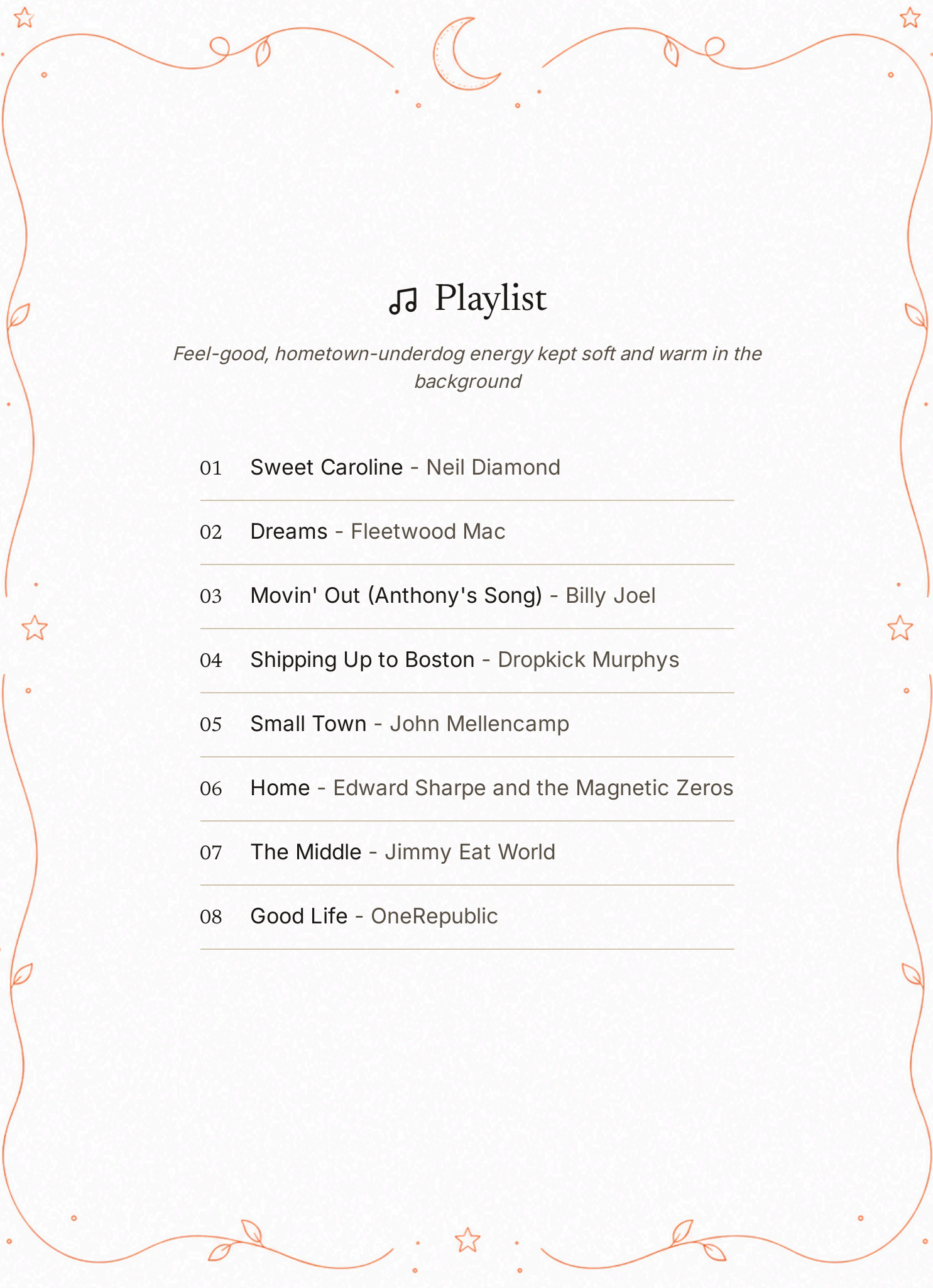
9:00

Scorecards and wind-down

Fill out scorecards, swap final thoughts, and send everyone off warm

HOST TIPS

- Keep it low-pressure: remind people there are no wrong answers and half-finished books are welcome
- Have a slow cooker going so food stays warm and no one is stuck hosting the kitchen
- Pass out question cards so quieter guests can pick one they feel comfortable answering



🎵 Playlist

Feel-good, hometown-underdog energy kept soft and warm in the background

- 01 Sweet Caroline - Neil Diamond

- 02 Dreams - Fleetwood Mac

- 03 Movin' Out (Anthony's Song) - Billy Joel

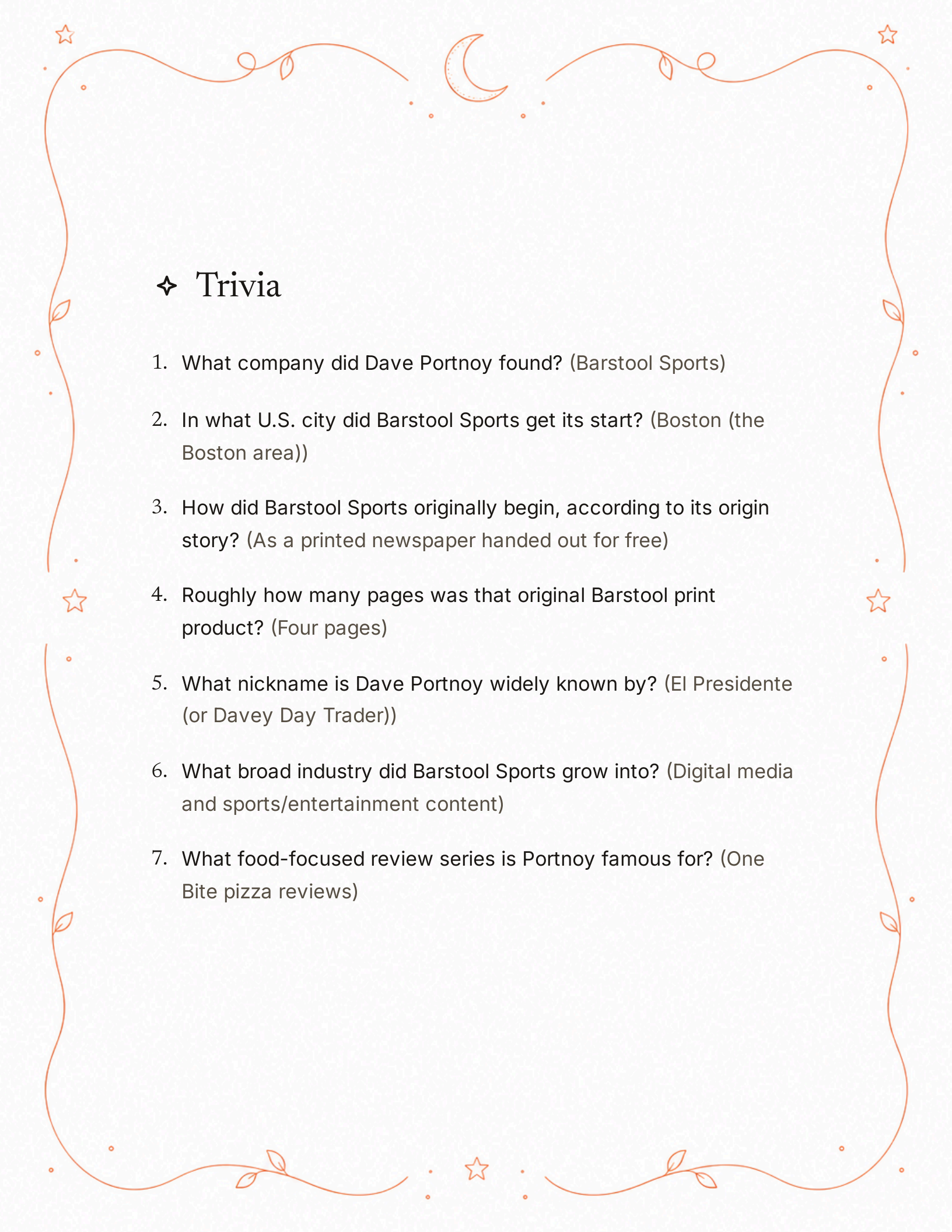
- 04 Shipping Up to Boston - Dropkick Murphys

- 05 Small Town - John Mellencamp

- 06 Home - Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros

- 07 The Middle - Jimmy Eat World

- 08 Good Life - OneRepublic

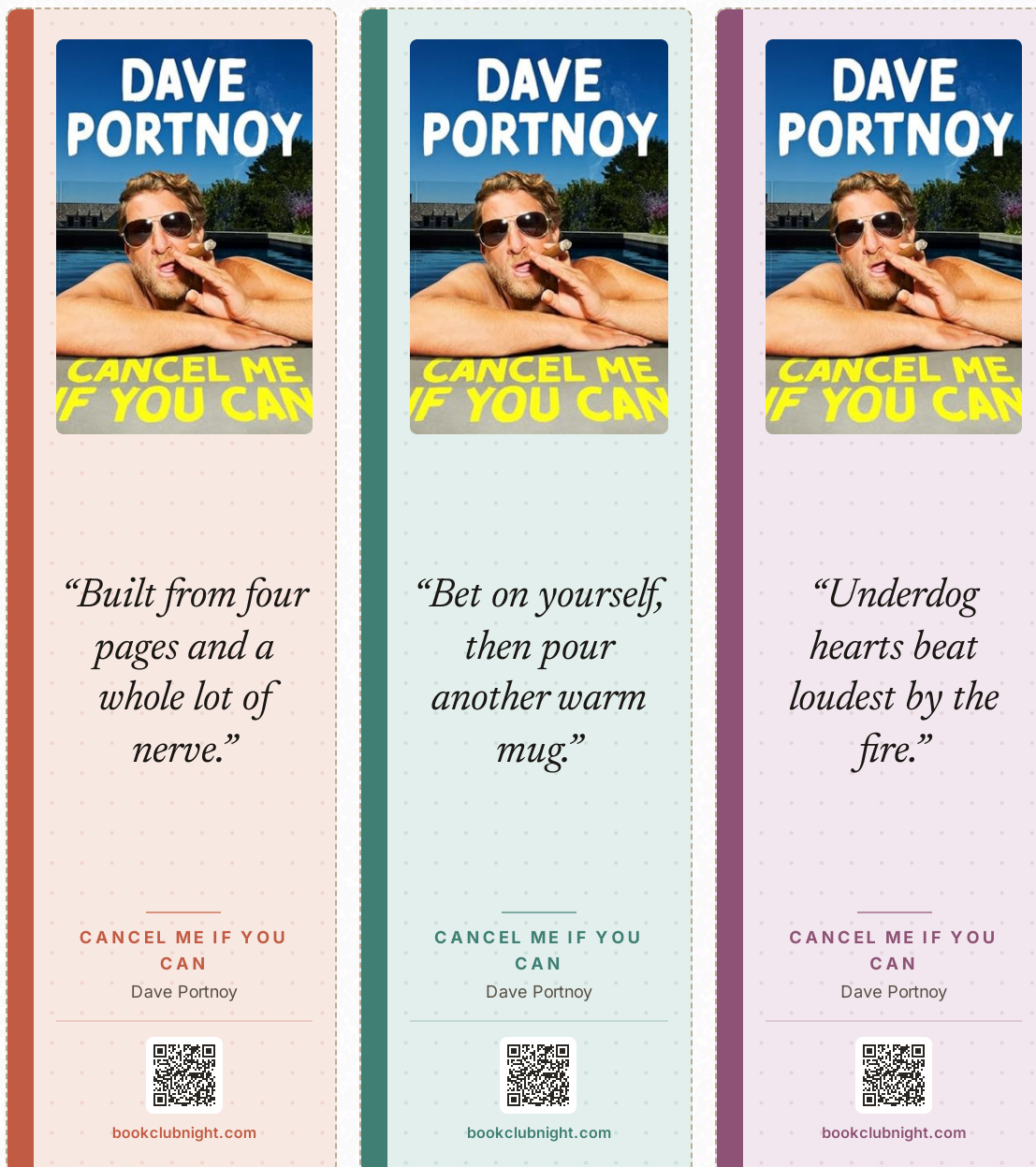


✧ Trivia

1. What company did Dave Portnoy found? (Barstool Sports)
2. In what U.S. city did Barstool Sports get its start? (Boston (the Boston area))
3. How did Barstool Sports originally begin, according to its origin story? (As a printed newspaper handed out for free)
4. Roughly how many pages was that original Barstool print product? (Four pages)
5. What nickname is Dave Portnoy widely known by? (El Presidente (or Davey Day Trader))
6. What broad industry did Barstool Sports grow into? (Digital media and sports/entertainment content)
7. What food-focused review series is Portnoy famous for? (One Bite pizza reviews)

□ Bookmarks

Print, cut, and tuck one at every seat, a small keepsake from the night.



☆ Rate the book

Coziness of the read ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Made me feel something ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Root-for-the-underdog factor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Snackability of the story ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Would recommend to a friend ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

The moment I want to talk about most: _____

A mug I would pair with this book: _____

THAT'S A WRAP

Thank you for coming

We hope the company was good and the conversation even better. Until the next chapter.



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