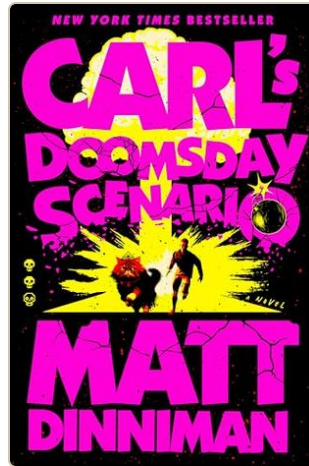


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Carl's Domsday Scenario

Matt Dinniman

☾ COZY NIGHT

A man in boxer shorts and his very opinionated show cat keep fighting their way through a deadly alien game show, and underneath the chaos and jokes it's a story about friendship and looking after each other. It's funny, fast and surprisingly tender, so it's easy to talk about over a warm mug.

Grab a Blanket, Crawler: Book Club Night in the Safe Room

Join us for warm stew, hot cocoa and heartfelt chat about Carl's Domsday Scenario. Pants optional, cat photos encouraged.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: Friendly clubs that love laughing out loud and don't mind a surprise lump in the throat, especially pet lovers and gamers.





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Princess Donut brings a lot of big personality. Which pet (yours, a friend's or a childhood one) would handle a dungeon most like her, and how would they cope?
2. If you got one safe room to rest in between dangers, what three comforts from home would you want waiting there?

DIGGING IN

1. Carl and Donut bicker constantly but clearly depend on each other. Did their friendship remind you of a relationship in your own life where teasing is really a way of saying 'I care'?
2. The book swings between laugh-out-loud moments and sudden sadness. Was there a moment that made you laugh and ache at once, and why did it hit you that way?
3. Carl keeps choosing small kindnesses even when the game rewards cruelty. What everyday acts of decency do you find comforting to see, in stories or in real life?
4. Being watched by an audience shapes how the crawlers act. Have you ever felt you had to 'perform' being okay, and what helped you feel safe enough to stop?

GOING DEEP

1. By the end of this book, how have your feelings about Carl and Donut's partnership changed? Did any moment make you feel more protective of them, without naming what happens?
2. The series is built around a very bleak situation, yet many readers call it hopeful. Where did you find hope in this book, and did it stay with you after you closed it?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Safe Room Beef and Veggie Stew

A big pot of hearty stew feels like the relief of finally reaching a safe room. Make it ahead in a slow cooker and let guests help themselves.

Loot Box Hand Pies

Flaky pastry pockets with a mix of savory and sweet fillings, so every bite is a little surprise, just like opening a loot box. Store-bought pie crust keeps it easy.

Princess Donut's Glazed Donut Bites

Warm mini donuts (or donut holes) with a pink glaze, fit for a spoiled show cat. Serve them on a fancy plate for royal flair.

TO SIP

Safe Room Hot Cocoa Bar (no alcohol)

Rich cocoa with marshmallows, whipped cream and cinnamon, so everyone can make their own comforting mug.

Dungeon Tavern Spiked Cider

Warm spiced apple cider with an optional splash of bourbon, served in mugs like a tavern drink at the end of a long crawl.

Healing Potion Honey Toddy

A gentle hot toddy with honey, lemon and a little whiskey, playfully named after the potions crawlers depend on.



Run of show

7:00

Welcome to the Safe Room

Greet guests with blankets, soft lighting and the cocoa bar. Let people settle in.

7:15

Comfort Food Crawl

Serve the stew, hand pies and donut bites buffet style while people chat.

7:40

Warm-Up Chat

Start with the two warm-up questions. Encourage pet stories and photos.

8:00

Heartfelt Discussion

Move through the theme and deep questions at a relaxed pace, and let conversations wander.

8:45

Cozy Trivia

Play the trivia casually in teams, with donut bites as prizes.

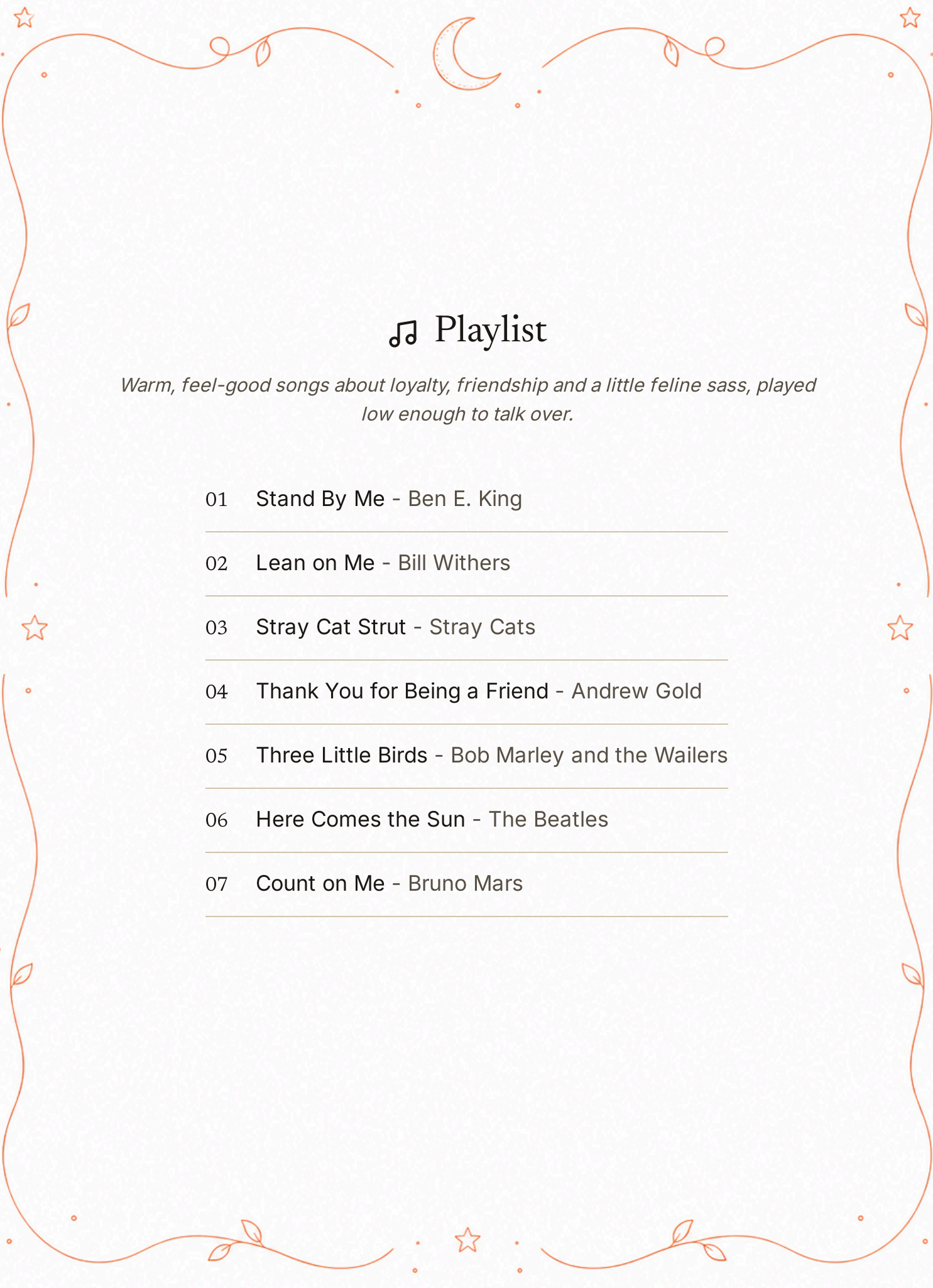
9:05

Scorecards and Send-Off

Fill in scorecards, hand out bookmarks and top up the cider for the goodbye chat.

HOST TIPS

- Put out a small basket of blankets and invite people to bring a photo of their pet to share during the warm-up.
- Give a quick heads-up that the book has cartoonish violence and crude humor, so everyone feels comfortable sharing honest reactions.
- Keep the stew on low heat so latecomers still get a warm bowl.



♪ Playlist

Warm, feel-good songs about loyalty, friendship and a little feline sass, played low enough to talk over.

01 Stand By Me - Ben E. King

02 Lean on Me - Bill Withers

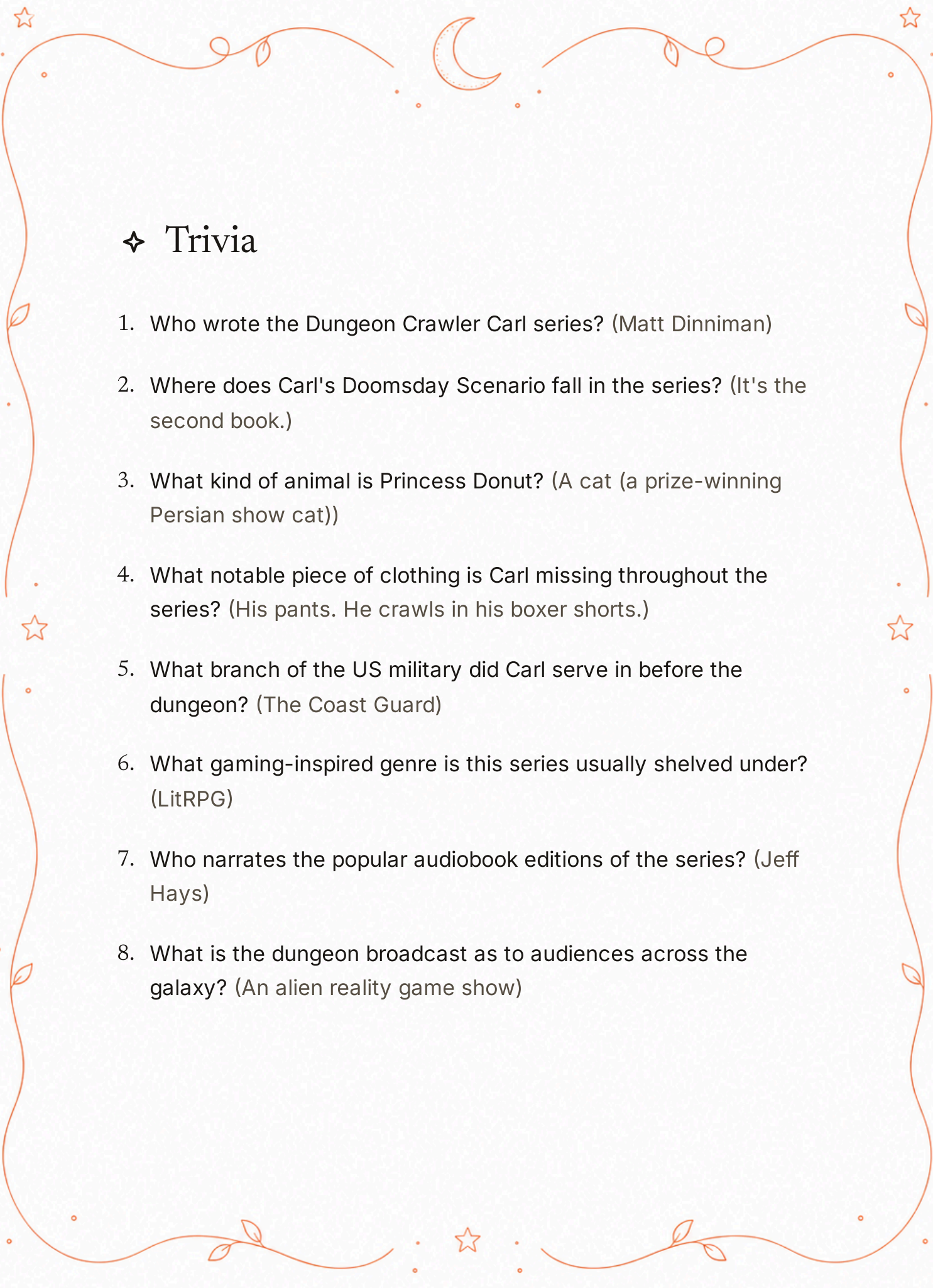
03 Stray Cat Strut - Stray Cats

04 Thank You for Being a Friend - Andrew Gold

05 Three Little Birds - Bob Marley and the Wailers

06 Here Comes the Sun - The Beatles

07 Count on Me - Bruno Mars



✧ Trivia

1. Who wrote the Dungeon Crawler Carl series? (Matt Dinniman)
2. Where does Carl's Doomsday Scenario fall in the series? (It's the second book.)
3. What kind of animal is Princess Donut? (A cat (a prize-winning Persian show cat))
4. What notable piece of clothing is Carl missing throughout the series? (His pants. He crawls in his boxer shorts.)
5. What branch of the US military did Carl serve in before the dungeon? (The Coast Guard)
6. What gaming-inspired genre is this series usually shelved under? (LitRPG)
7. Who narrates the popular audiobook editions of the series? (Jeff Hays)
8. What is the dungeon broadcast as to audiences across the galaxy? (An alien reality game show)

□ Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Heart and Feels

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Laughs

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Carl and Donut Bond

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Comfort Level

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Want to Keep Reading

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The moment that made me smile most: _____

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

The comfort I'd bring into the dungeon: _____

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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