

Sea of Tranquility

Cut along the dashed lines and pass the cards around the table.

WARM-UP

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Where did you do most of your reading of this one, and did the setting around you start to feel a little dreamy too?

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Was there a moment early on where you settled in and thought, oh, I am going to love spending time in this book?

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DISCUSSION

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The novel jumps between very different times and places. Which world did you find yourself most reluctant to leave, and what felt cozy about it to you?

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Mandel writes a lot about small, ordinary comforts (a meal, a walk, a familiar face). Which little moment in the book stayed with you, and why?

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The book sits with ideas of solitude and connection in a really gentle way. Did reading it make you feel more alone, or more connected to other people?

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There is a quiet thread about art and writing as a way of holding onto life. Has a book, song, or piece of art ever comforted you the way these do for the characters?

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DEEP

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Without giving anything away, was there a passage that made you put the book down for a minute just to feel it? What was happening in you when that landed?

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The novel gently asks what makes a life feel meaningful, even when the world is uncertain. What did it leave you carrying about your own life, in the softest sense?

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