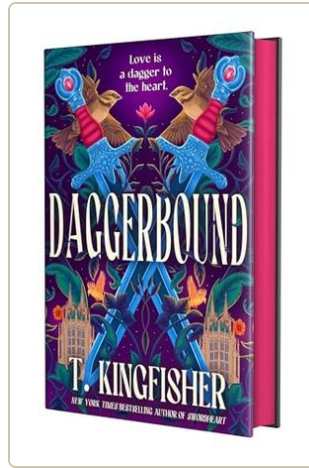


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Daggerbound

T. Kingfisher

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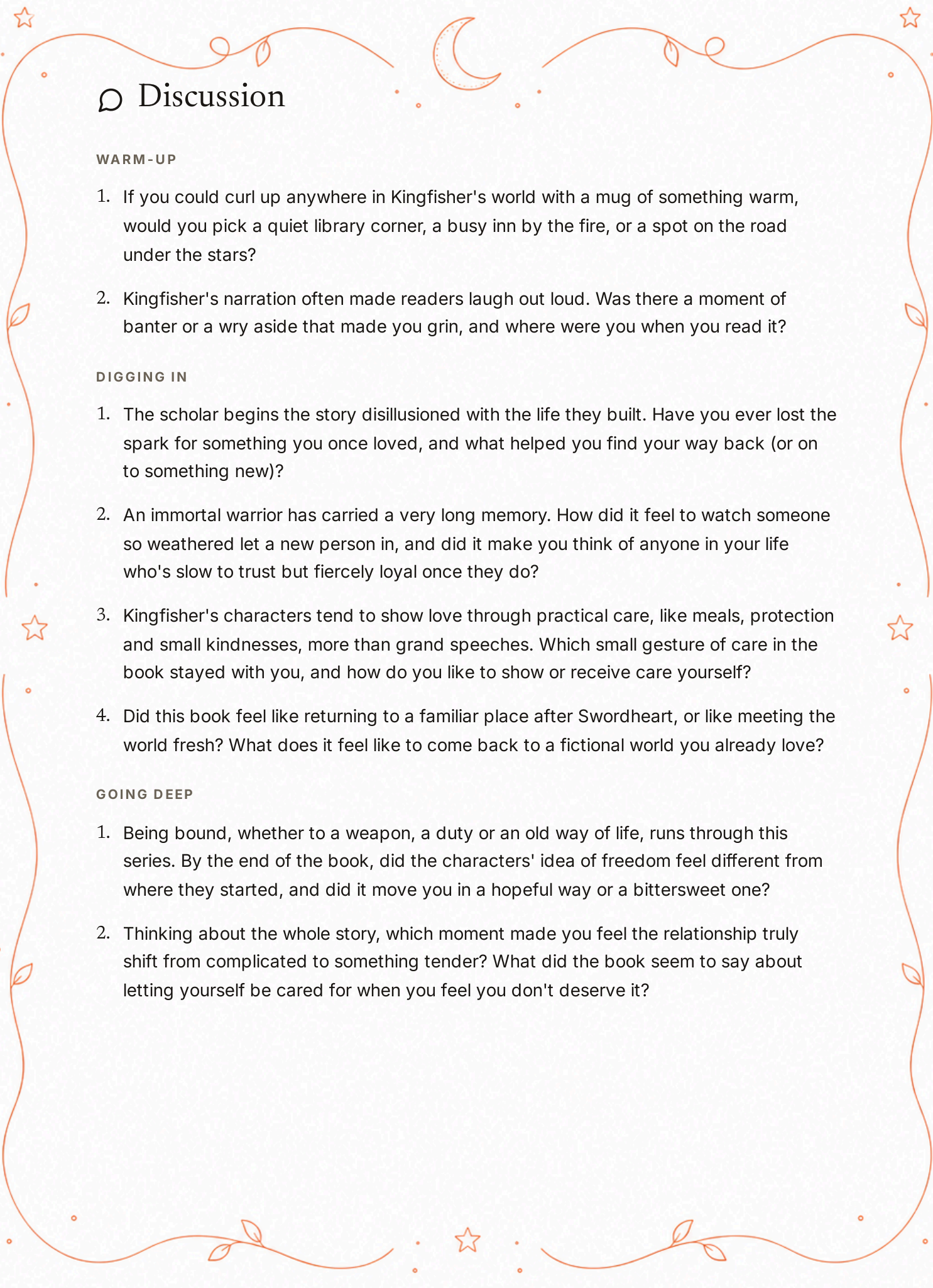
A disillusioned scholar and an immortal warrior find themselves tangled up in a complicated relationship in the second Swordheart book. It mixes T. Kingfisher's dry humor, warm-hearted romance and weary, lovable characters, which makes it a lovely pick for a blanket-and-tea kind of night.

Pull Up a Chair by the Fire

Join us for a cozy evening with T. Kingfisher's *Daggerbound*, with warm stew, mulled cider and good company. Bring your comfiest socks and your favorite moments from the book.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: Clubs that love warm-hearted fantasy, banter-filled romance and characters who feel like old friends by the last page



Discussion

WARM-UP

1. If you could curl up anywhere in Kingfisher's world with a mug of something warm, would you pick a quiet library corner, a busy inn by the fire, or a spot on the road under the stars?
2. Kingfisher's narration often made readers laugh out loud. Was there a moment of banter or a wry aside that made you grin, and where were you when you read it?

DIGGING IN

1. The scholar begins the story disillusioned with the life they built. Have you ever lost the spark for something you once loved, and what helped you find your way back (or on to something new)?
2. An immortal warrior has carried a very long memory. How did it feel to watch someone so weathered let a new person in, and did it make you think of anyone in your life who's slow to trust but fiercely loyal once they do?
3. Kingfisher's characters tend to show love through practical care, like meals, protection and small kindnesses, more than grand speeches. Which small gesture of care in the book stayed with you, and how do you like to show or receive care yourself?
4. Did this book feel like returning to a familiar place after Swordheart, or like meeting the world fresh? What does it feel like to come back to a fictional world you already love?

GOING DEEP

1. Being bound, whether to a weapon, a duty or an old way of life, runs through this series. By the end of the book, did the characters' idea of freedom feel different from where they started, and did it move you in a hopeful way or a bittersweet one?
2. Thinking about the whole story, which moment made you feel the relationship truly shift from complicated to something tender? What did the book seem to say about letting yourself be cared for when you feel you don't deserve it?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Savory Hand Pies

The kind of hearty, portable food a traveling warrior and a weary scholar would grab at a roadside inn. Use store-bought pastry for an easy, warm, crowd-pleasing bake.

Slow-Cooker Barley and Root Vegetable Stew with Crusty Bread

Rustic, nourishing, tavern-style comfort that fits the book's quasi-medieval world. It simmers all afternoon so the host can relax.

Warm Apple Honey Crumble with Cream

A homey, slightly indulgent dessert that suits Kingfisher's sweet-but-not-saccharine tone. Easy to make ahead and rewarm.

TO SIP

Spiced Honey Chamomile Tea (no alcohol)

A soothing, scholar's-desk kind of drink for long, thoughtful conversation. Comforting and caffeine-free.

Mulled Hard Cider

Warm cider with cinnamon, clove and orange peel, the sort of drink passed around a fire at a friendly inn.

Spiced Mulled Wine

A classic warming drink with an old-world feel that suits a fantasy setting and a candlelit room.



Run of show

7:00

Arrival and Warm Drinks

Greet guests with a mug of mulled cider or honey tea and let the playlist set a soft mood.

7:15

Settle In and Snack

Set out hand pies and stew buffet-style. Let people get comfy with blankets and cushions.

7:35

Warm-Up Chat

Start with the two warm-up questions while everyone eats. Keep it light and laughter-friendly.

7:55

Heart of the Book

Move into the theme questions. Invite personal stories, but never push anyone to share.

8:30

Crumble and Trivia

Serve warm crumble and play a relaxed round of trivia. No scores needed unless the group wants them.

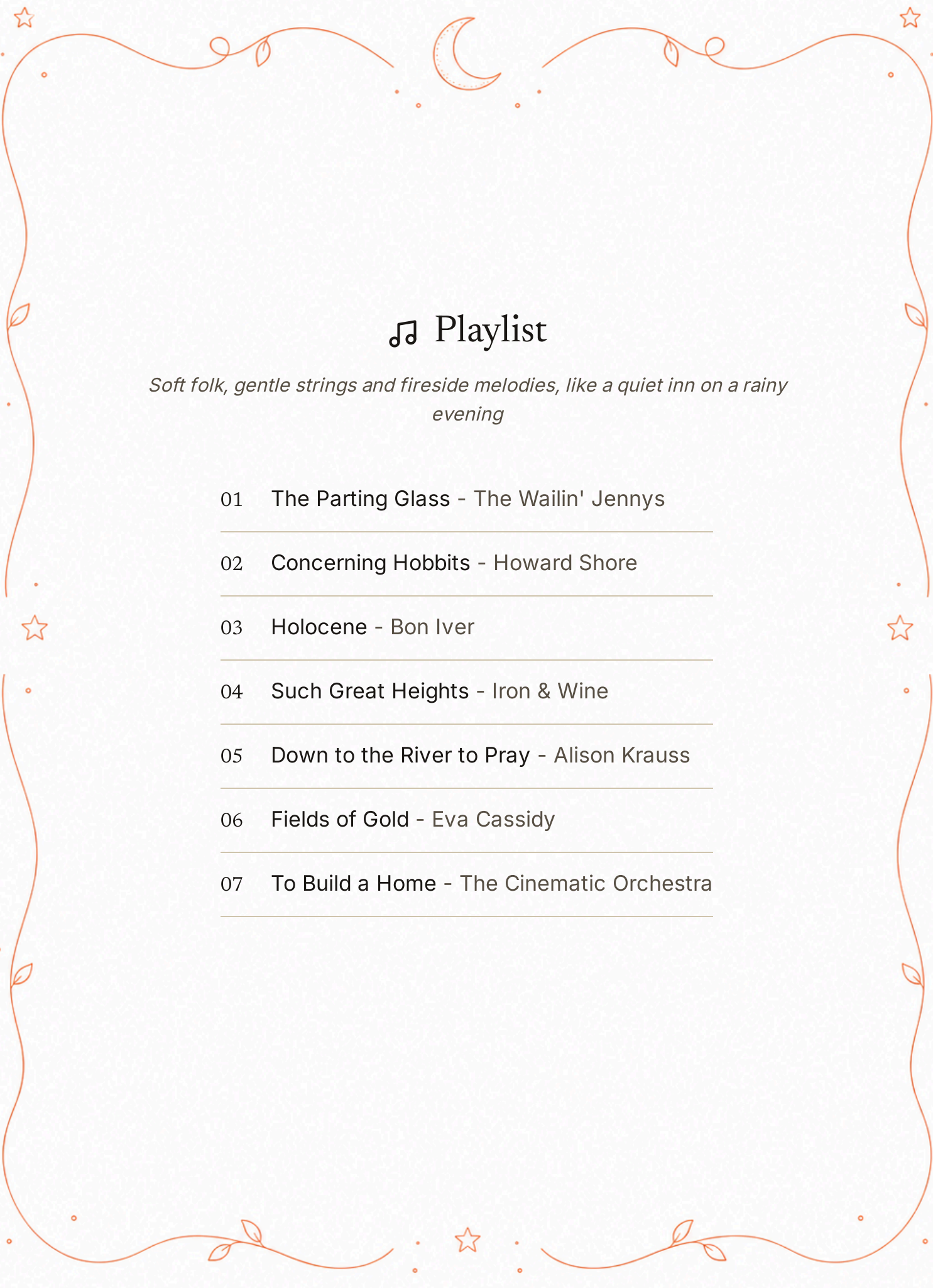
8:50

Deeper Reflections and Scorecards

Close with the deep questions, then pass out scorecards and bookmarks as keepsakes.

HOST TIPS

- Dim the overhead lights and use lamps or candles. A cozy room makes gentle, personal conversation feel natural.
- Put a spoiler warning before the deep questions so anyone who hasn't finished can step away for a refill.
- Prep the stew and crumble earlier in the day so you can sit with your guests instead of staying in the kitchen.



♪ Playlist

Soft folk, gentle strings and fireside melodies, like a quiet inn on a rainy evening

- 01 The Parting Glass - The Wailin' Jennys

- 02 Concerning Hobbits - Howard Shore

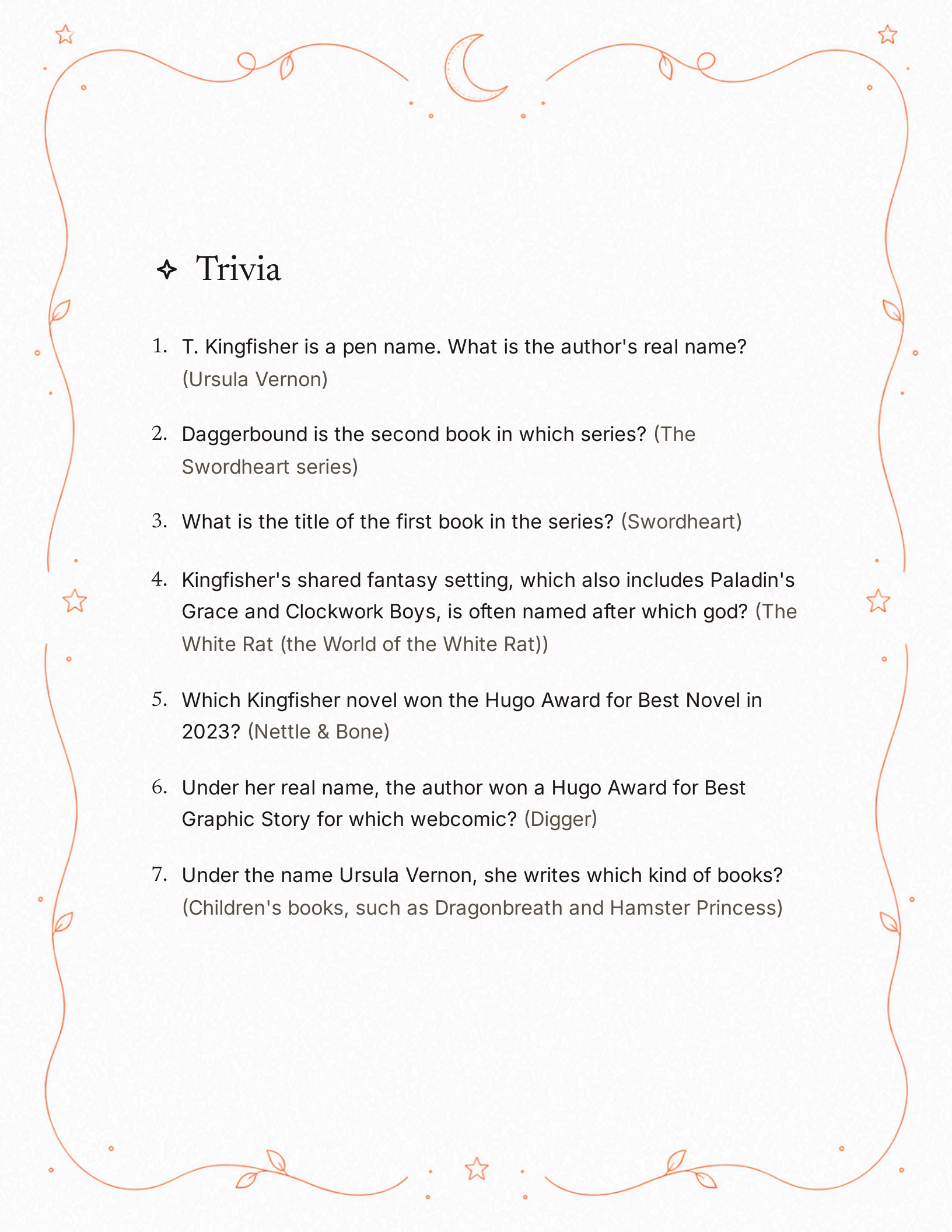
- 03 Holocene - Bon Iver

- 04 Such Great Heights - Iron & Wine

- 05 Down to the River to Pray - Alison Krauss

- 06 Fields of Gold - Eva Cassidy

- 07 To Build a Home - The Cinematic Orchestra

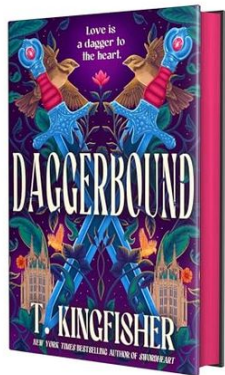


✧ Trivia

1. T. Kingfisher is a pen name. What is the author's real name?
(Ursula Vernon)
2. Daggerbound is the second book in which series? (The Swordheart series)
3. What is the title of the first book in the series? (Swordheart)
4. Kingfisher's shared fantasy setting, which also includes Paladin's Grace and Clockwork Boys, is often named after which god? (The White Rat (the World of the White Rat))
5. Which Kingfisher novel won the Hugo Award for Best Novel in 2023? (Nettle & Bone)
6. Under her real name, the author won a Hugo Award for Best Graphic Story for which webcomic? (Digger)
7. Under the name Ursula Vernon, she writes which kind of books?
(Children's books, such as Dragonbreath and Hamster Princess)

❏ Bookmarks

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



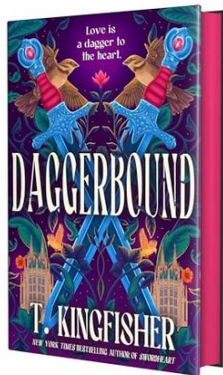
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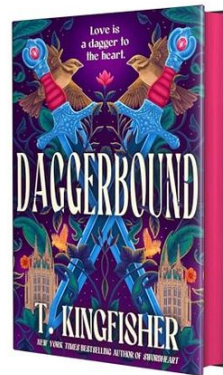
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The stew is hot
and the
company kind.”*

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weariest scholar
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Characters I'd Share Tea With ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Comfort Reread Potential ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

This book felt like a warm... _____

The moment that made my heart soften: _____

I'd bring this character to my fireside: _____

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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