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

WARM-UP

1

Where were you when you read most of this book, and what made that spot feel right for it?

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2

Was there a scene early on that pulled you in and made you want to keep turning pages late into the night?

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Tara writes so vividly about the mountain and her childhood landscape. What place from your own life came to mind while reading?

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Which moment in the book made you want to wrap Tara in a blanket and hand her a warm drink, and why did it move you?

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The book is full of small kindnesses from teachers, siblings, and strangers. Which one stayed with you, and has anyone shown up for you in a similar way?

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How did the book shift the way you think about what 'education' really means, beyond classrooms and credentials?

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Memory and truth weave through every chapter. How did the book make you feel about your own family stories and the way they get retold?

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Without giving anything away, what feeling did you carry around the day after you finished reading, and what comforted you while sitting with it?

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