

Hollow Bones

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

WARM-UP

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Molly plans for storms and emergencies for a living. What is your own small comfort ritual when life feels stormy, like a favorite blanket, a recipe or a phone call to someone?

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Where did you read most of this book, and was there a moment when you had to close it, take a breath, or grab a tissue before going on?

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DISCUSSION

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Molly was raised by a father and stepmother who could not have loved her more. Who is someone in your life who mothered you without having to, and how did reading this bring them to mind?

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Molly grew up with a quiet dread of disasters. Did any part of her need to be prepared feel familiar to you, and what helps you feel safe enough to let your guard down?

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The book asks how we tell ourselves the stories of our lives. Is there a family story you grew up hearing that you now see a little differently, and how does that feel?

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Many of us remember exactly where we were on September 11, 2001, and some of us were too young to remember. How did reading this story feel alongside your own memories of that day, or the lack of them?

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DEEP

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Without giving anything away to anyone still reading, which moment in the book moved you the most, and what do you think it said about how love can survive loss?

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By the end, how did your feelings about the idea of being prepared change? Do you think love is something we can ever truly plan for, and did the book leave you feeling more comforted or more unsettled?

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