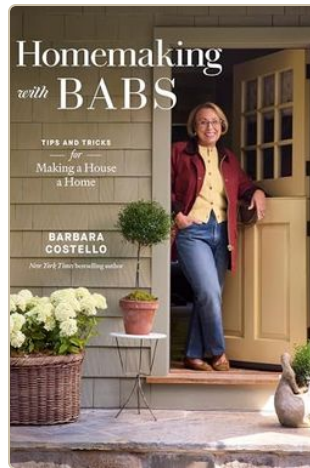


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Homemaking With Babs

Barbara Costello

☾ COZY NIGHT

Barbara Costello, the grandmother millions know as Babs, shares warm, practical wisdom on keeping a home that feels loved. It reads like a visit to a favorite grandma's kitchen, which makes it an easy, heartwarming pick for a gentle night in.

Come Over, the Kettle's On

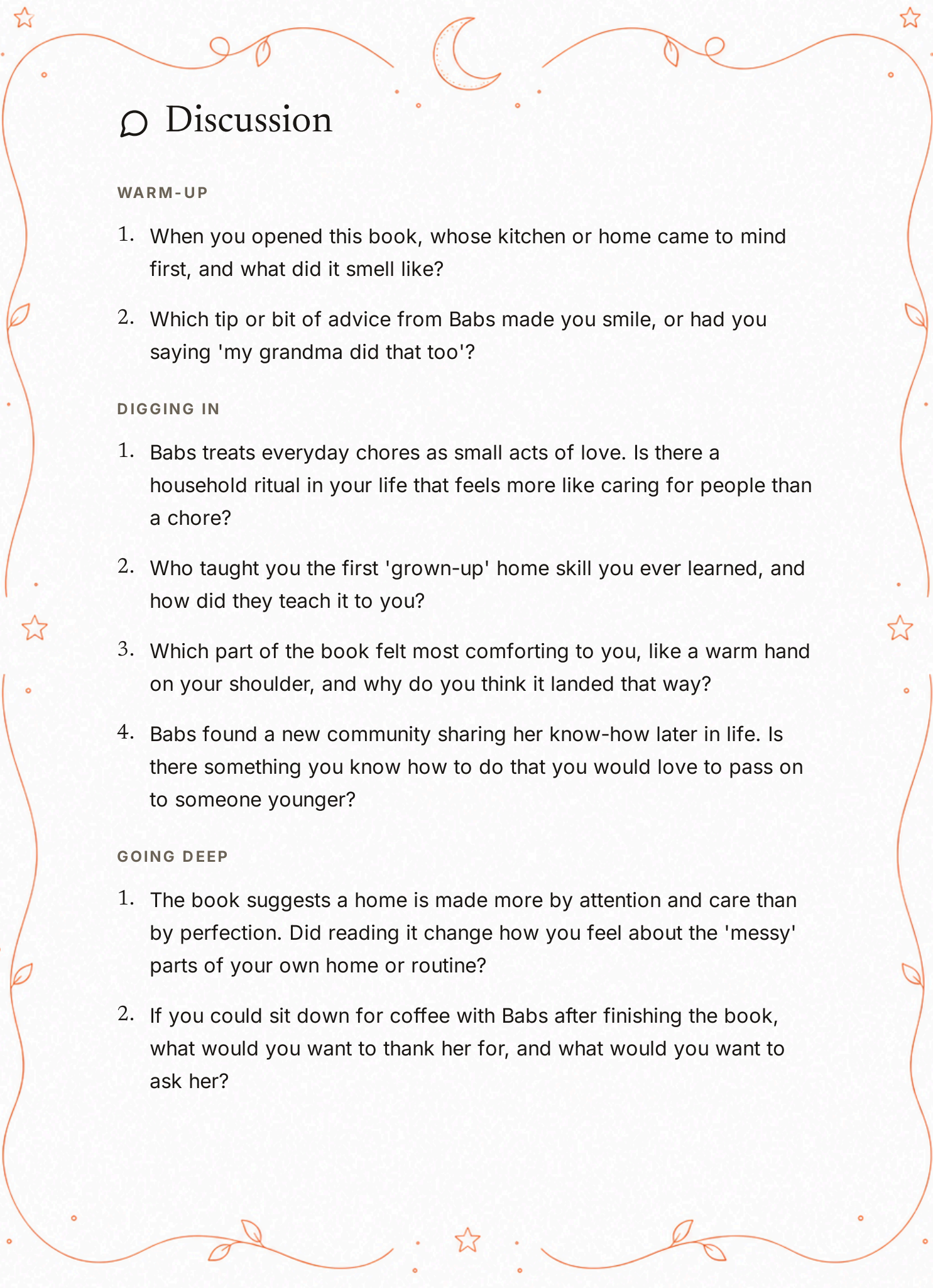
Join us for a cozy evening of Homemaking With Babs, with warm drinks, comfort food, and stories from the kitchens that raised us.

Bring slippers and a favorite family recipe if you have one.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: Relaxed clubs, multigenerational groups, and friends who love a good kitchen-table story more than a debate





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. When you opened this book, whose kitchen or home came to mind first, and what did it smell like?
2. Which tip or bit of advice from Babs made you smile, or had you saying 'my grandma did that too'?

DIGGING IN

1. Babs treats everyday chores as small acts of love. Is there a household ritual in your life that feels more like caring for people than a chore?
2. Who taught you the first 'grown-up' home skill you ever learned, and how did they teach it to you?
3. Which part of the book felt most comforting to you, like a warm hand on your shoulder, and why do you think it landed that way?
4. Babs found a new community sharing her know-how later in life. Is there something you know how to do that you would love to pass on to someone younger?

GOING DEEP

1. The book suggests a home is made more by attention and care than by perfection. Did reading it change how you feel about the 'messy' parts of your own home or routine?
2. If you could sit down for coffee with Babs after finishing the book, what would you want to thank her for, and what would you want to ask her?

☕ On the table & to sip

TO EAT

☕ Warm Cinnamon Coffee Cake

A brunch classic that feels just right for a book by the author of *Brunch with Babs*. Bake it in one pan and serve it warm.

🥧 Mini Chicken Pot Pies

Old-fashioned, from-scratch comfort food that fits the book's homemaking spirit. Use store-bought pie crust to keep things easy.

🥧 Grandma's Cookie Tin Assortment

A tin of homemade sugar cookies or chocolate chip cookies, the kind every grandma seems to have on the counter. Invite guests to bring a family recipe to share.

TO SIP

☕ Hot Spiced Apple Cider (no alcohol)

Simmered on the stove with cinnamon sticks and orange slices so the whole house smells like a welcome. Non-alcoholic and good for everyone.

☕ Fresh Pot of Coffee with Real Cream (no alcohol)

The heart of any grandma's kitchen table. Set out a creamer pitcher and sugar bowl for an old-school touch.

☕ Irish Cream Hot Cocoa

Rich hot chocolate with a splash of Irish cream and a dollop of whipped cream, a little indulgent and very cozy.



Run of show

7:00

Welcome In

Greet guests with warm cider already simmering and soft oldies playing. Let everyone settle in with blankets or slippers.

7:15

Cookie Tin & Nibbles

Pass the coffee cake and cookie tin. Invite anyone who brought a family recipe to tell its story.

7:35

Warm-Up Chat

Start with the warm-up questions. Keep it light and let memories of grandmas and old kitchens flow.

7:55

Pot Pies & Heart-to-Heart

Serve the mini pot pies and move into the theme questions over a relaxed plate of food.

8:30

Tip Swap & Trivia

Everyone shares one favorite household trick, then play the gentle Babs trivia round with no scores kept.

8:50

Cocoa & Closing Thoughts

Pour the hot cocoa, share the deep questions, fill out scorecards, and hand out bookmarks as a take-home keepsake.

HOST TIPS

- Leave a few throws and extra pillows out so guests can get comfortable right away and the night feels unhurried.
- Invite guests ahead of time to bring one family recipe card or household tip. It gives quieter members an easy way to share.
- Let the conversation wander. On a cozy night a long story about someone's grandmother is the point, not a detour.



♪ Playlist

Soft, sentimental oldies and warm crooners, like a radio playing in grandma's kitchen on a Sunday morning

- 01 Our House - Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young

- 02 Moon River - Andy Williams

- 03 The Way You Look Tonight - Frank Sinatra

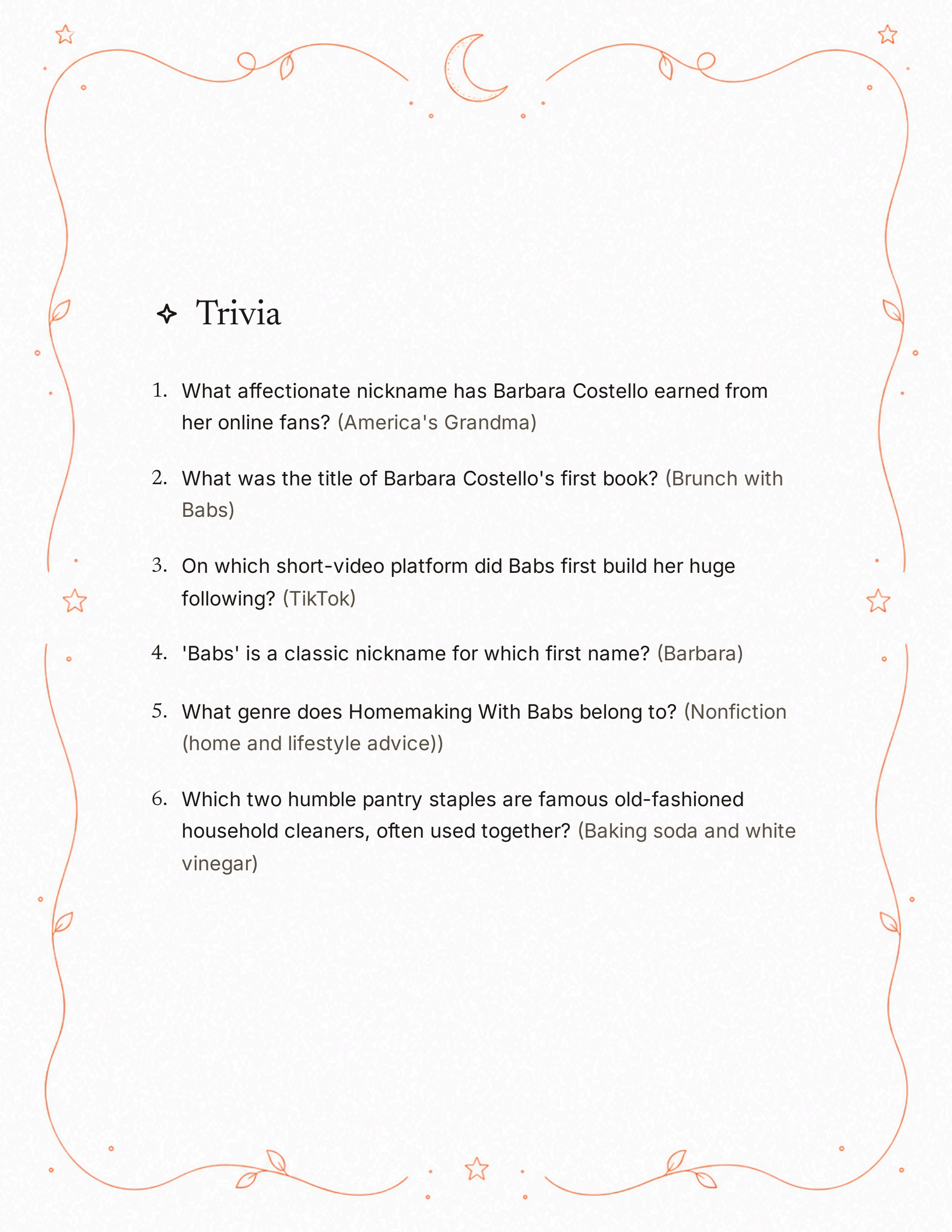
- 04 Dream a Little Dream of Me - Ella Fitzgerald & Louis Armstrong

- 05 Sunday Morning - Norah Jones

- 06 Home - Michael Bublé

- 07 What a Wonderful World - Louis Armstrong

- 08 Put Your Head on My Shoulder - Paul Anka

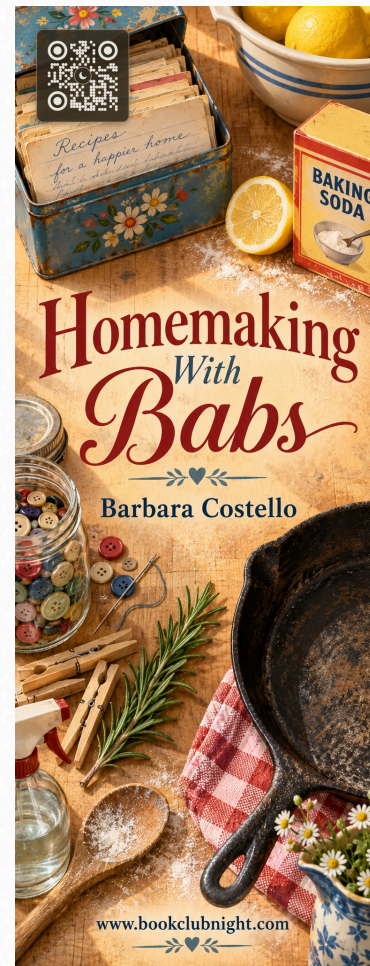


✧ Trivia

1. What affectionate nickname has Barbara Costello earned from her online fans? (America's Grandma)
2. What was the title of Barbara Costello's first book? (Brunch with Babs)
3. On which short-video platform did Babs first build her huge following? (TikTok)
4. 'Babs' is a classic nickname for which first name? (Barbara)
5. What genre does Homemaking With Babs belong to? (Nonfiction (home and lifestyle advice))
6. Which two humble pantry staples are famous old-fashioned household cleaners, often used together? (Baking soda and white vinegar)

❏ Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Warm Fuzzies ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Useful Tips I'll Try ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Grandma Charm ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Memories It Stirred ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Cozy Factor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The tip I'll try first: _____

This book reminded me of: _____

One word for how it made me feel: _____

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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