

The Vanishing Half

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

WARM-UP

1

Where did you do most of your reading, and did you have a favorite cozy ritual (tea, blanket, certain chair) while you were with this book?

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2

Was there a scene that made you want to call a sister, cousin, or old friend? What about it pulled at you?

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DISCUSSION

3

The story moves between small Southern towns and bigger cities. Which setting felt the most like home to you while reading, and why?

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So much of this book is about the quiet weight of family stories. What is a small family story or saying from your own life that came back to you while reading?

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5

Bennett writes mothers and daughters with so much tenderness and friction. Which mother-daughter moment in the book stayed with you the longest?

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The twins choose very different lives. Setting judgment aside, which sister's daily world did you find more comforting to spend time in as a reader?

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DEEP

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This is a book about the parts of ourselves we hide or leave behind. Without going into spoilers, was there a moment that made you think gently about something you have tucked away in your own life?

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DEEP

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By the end, what feeling were you left holding, more than any one plot point? Try to describe it like a weather report for your heart.

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