

BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



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Tayari Jones

🌙 COZY NIGHT

Tayari Jones returns with a tender, wise novel about two lifelong friends whose paths reconverge after years apart, brimming with heart, humor, and the ache of chosen family.

A Cozy Night with Kin

Come as you are (pajamas welcome) for biscuits, sweet tea, and a slow, tender conversation about Tayari Jones's Kin. Bring your heart, leave the analysis at home.

Reading level: Moderate **Pages:** 529

Best for: Book clubs who love heartfelt literary

- fiction and long, meandering conversations about the people who shape us





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Before we dive in, tell us about a friend who feels like kin to you. How did you first meet?
2. What was the first scene or moment in the book that made you sink into your chair and settle in?

DIGGING IN

1. Tayari Jones has a gift for writing tenderness between complicated people. Which relationship in the book felt the most comforting to spend time inside?
2. The book lingers on the small rituals that hold friendships together. What everyday ritual in your own life felt echoed on the page?
3. When the two friends' worlds converge again, which reunion moment moved you most, and did it stir up any memories of your own reconnections?
4. Jones writes about home and family with such warmth. What kitchen, porch, or gathering place in the book did you most want to step into?

GOING DEEP

1. Without giving anything away, was there a passage that quietly undid you? What do you think made it land so tenderly?
2. By the time you turned the last page, what did the book leave you feeling about the people you consider your own kin? Anyone you want to call this week?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Slow-simmered shrimp and grits

A Southern comfort classic that mirrors the book's rooted, homey warmth

Buttermilk biscuits with peach preserves

Soft, buttery, and made for sharing across a crowded table, like the friendships at the heart of Kin

Pecan sweet potato casserole

Nurturing, a little indulgent, and evocative of family Sunday suppers in the American South

TO SIP

Sweet tea with lemon and mint (no alcohol)

The unofficial hospitality drink of any Southern porch conversation

Bourbon peach smash

A soft, fruit-forward pour for a gentle, celebratory toast to old friends

Warm honey-vanilla milk (no alcohol)

For the tail end of the night, when the conversation has softened and no one wants to leave



Run of show

6:30

Soft landing

Doors open, slippers encouraged. Warm drinks ready, playlist low, no rush.

6:45

Grazing and greetings

Let folks settle in with biscuits and sweet tea. Skip the icebreakers, just chat.

7:10

Warm-up questions

Gather in a cozy circle with blankets. Ease in with the two warm-up prompts.

7:30

The heart of the book

Move through the theme questions slowly. Serve shrimp and grits mid-way.

8:15

Deeper waters

Dim the lights a touch, pour the bourbon peach smash or warm milk, and open the deep questions.

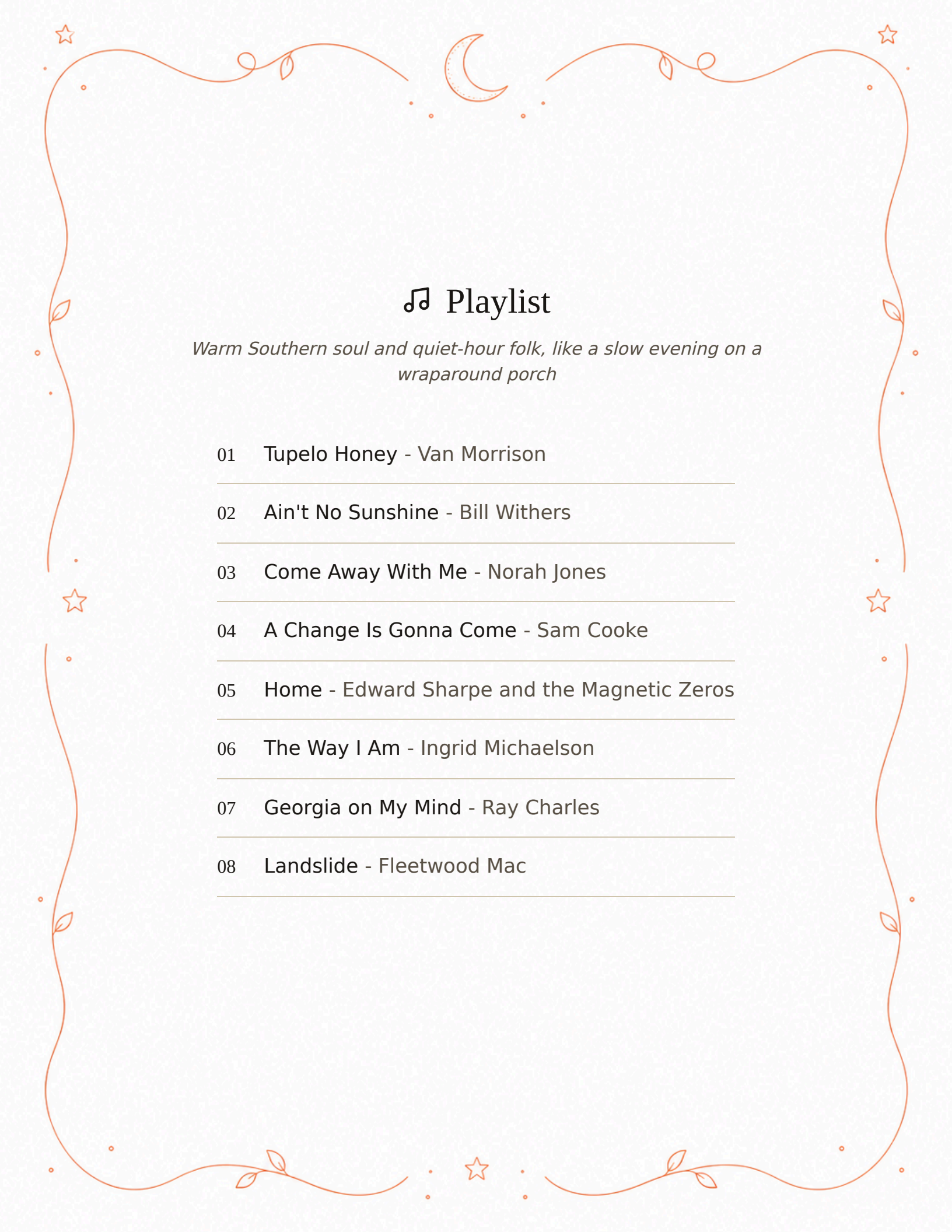
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Bookmarks and goodbyes

Hand out bookmarks, fill in scorecards, and let the night end soft.

HOST TIPS

- Keep it low-lit. Lamps and candles over overhead lights make everyone feel like they can stay awhile.
- Have extra blankets and a spare copy of the book handy for browsing favorite passages aloud.
- Let silences breathe. In a cozy vibe, quiet reflection is part of the conversation.



🎵 Playlist

Warm Southern soul and quiet-hour folk, like a slow evening on a wraparound porch

- 01 Tupelo Honey - Van Morrison

- 02 Ain't No Sunshine - Bill Withers

- 03 Come Away With Me - Norah Jones

- 04 A Change Is Gonna Come - Sam Cooke

- 05 Home - Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros

- 06 The Way I Am - Ingrid Michaelson

- 07 Georgia on My Mind - Ray Charles

- 08 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac



✧ Trivia

1. Tayari Jones is best known for which 2018 novel about a marriage tested by wrongful imprisonment? (An American Marriage)
2. In what U.S. city was Tayari Jones born and raised? (Atlanta, Georgia)
3. Kin was selected for which famous televised book club? (Oprah's Book Club)
4. An American Marriage won which prestigious 2019 fiction prize honoring women writers? (The Women's Prize for Fiction)
5. Tayari Jones's fiction is often set in which region of the United States? (The American South)
6. Jones currently teaches creative writing at which New Jersey university? (Emory University (she has also taught at Rutgers-Newark))
7. Kin was published in what year? (2026)
8. Roughly how many pages long is Kin? (About 529 pages)

📖 Bookmarks

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

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*“Some people
arrive as
friends and
stay as family.”*

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*“Porch light
on, kettle
warm, story
open.”*

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Warmth ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Heart-tug moments ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Characters you'd invite to dinner ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Sense of place ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Lingering afterglow ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

A line I want to keep in my pocket: _____

The friend I thought about while reading: _____

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Thank you for coming

We hope the company was good and the conversation
even better. Until the next chapter.



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