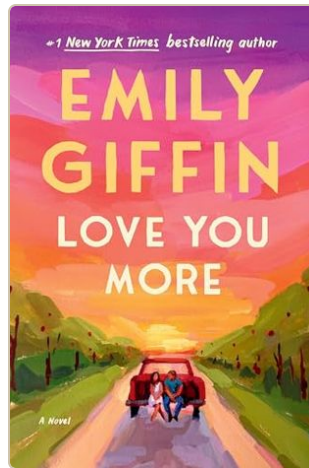


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Love You More

Emily Giffin

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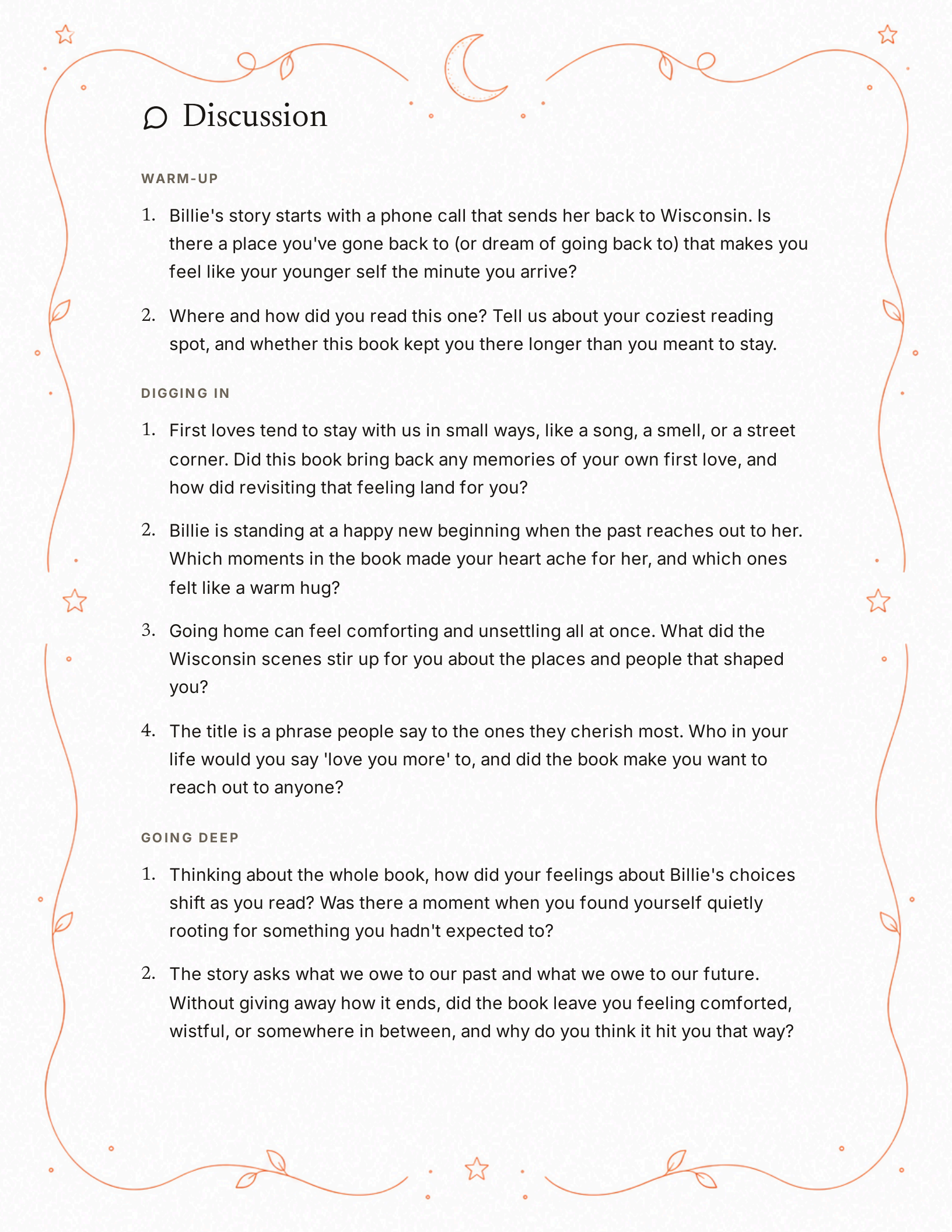
Billie is newly engaged when a call from her first love pulls her back to Wisconsin, and that pull sets up a warm, tender story about the roads we take and the people who stay with us. It's an easy book to curl up with, and it gets everyone swapping their own stories about first love and going home.

Come Home for Book Club

Bring your coziest socks and your softest memories of first love. We're gathering over beer cheese soup, warm cider, and Emily Giffin's *Love You More*.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: Friends who love heartfelt women's fiction and a long, unhurried conversation over something warm to eat



Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Billie's story starts with a phone call that sends her back to Wisconsin. Is there a place you've gone back to (or dream of going back to) that makes you feel like your younger self the minute you arrive?
2. Where and how did you read this one? Tell us about your coziest reading spot, and whether this book kept you there longer than you meant to stay.

DIGGING IN

1. First loves tend to stay with us in small ways, like a song, a smell, or a street corner. Did this book bring back any memories of your own first love, and how did revisiting that feeling land for you?
2. Billie is standing at a happy new beginning when the past reaches out to her. Which moments in the book made your heart ache for her, and which ones felt like a warm hug?
3. Going home can feel comforting and unsettling all at once. What did the Wisconsin scenes stir up for you about the places and people that shaped you?
4. The title is a phrase people say to the ones they cherish most. Who in your life would you say 'love you more' to, and did the book make you want to reach out to anyone?

GOING DEEP

1. Thinking about the whole book, how did your feelings about Billie's choices shift as you read? Was there a moment when you found yourself quietly rooting for something you hadn't expected to?
2. The story asks what we owe to our past and what we owe to our future. Without giving away how it ends, did the book leave you feeling comforted, wistful, or somewhere in between, and why do you think it hit you that way?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Slow Cooker Wisconsin Beer Cheese Soup with Soft Pretzel Bites

A classic from America's Dairyland that you can start in the afternoon and keep warm all night. It's rich and cheesy, the kind of thing you'd get back home.

Warm Cheese Curd and Local Cheese Board

Squeaky cheese curds (baked or warmed up) next to cheddar, apple slices, and honey bring Billie's Wisconsin homecoming right to the coffee table. You just set it out, and people graze while they talk.

Warmed Racine-Style Kringle

Kringle is Wisconsin's flaky, buttery pastry, and a few minutes in the oven makes it taste like a hometown bakery. It's an indulgent, nostalgic way to end the night.

TO SIP

Brandy Old Fashioned Sweet

Wisconsin's signature supper-club cocktail. It's familiar, a little old-fashioned in the best way, and perfect for sipping slowly during a story about going back home.

Door County Cherry Mulled Wine

Red wine warmed with Wisconsin cherries, orange peel, and cinnamon. It fills the room with a cozy smell and suits a bittersweet love story.

Hot Spiced Apple Cider (no alcohol)

A mug of cider simmered with cinnamon sticks and cloves gives everyone a comforting, alcohol-free choice, and it smells wonderful on the stove.



Run of show

7:00

Warm Welcome

Greet everyone with a mug of cider or mulled wine. Have blankets and the playlist on low, and let people settle in wherever they're comfortable.

7:15

Soup and Snuggle In

Serve the beer cheese soup and the cheese board buffet-style so people can fill their bowls and find a comfy seat.

7:35

Hometown Warm-Ups

Start with the two warm-up questions. Go around the room so everyone gets a turn, and remind people it's fine to pass.

7:55

Heart-to-Heart Chat

Move into the theme questions. Let the conversation wander into personal stories, because that's the point tonight.

8:30

Kringle and Trivia

Warm the kringle and pour the Brandy Old Fashioneds, then play the trivia just for fun with no scorekeeping.

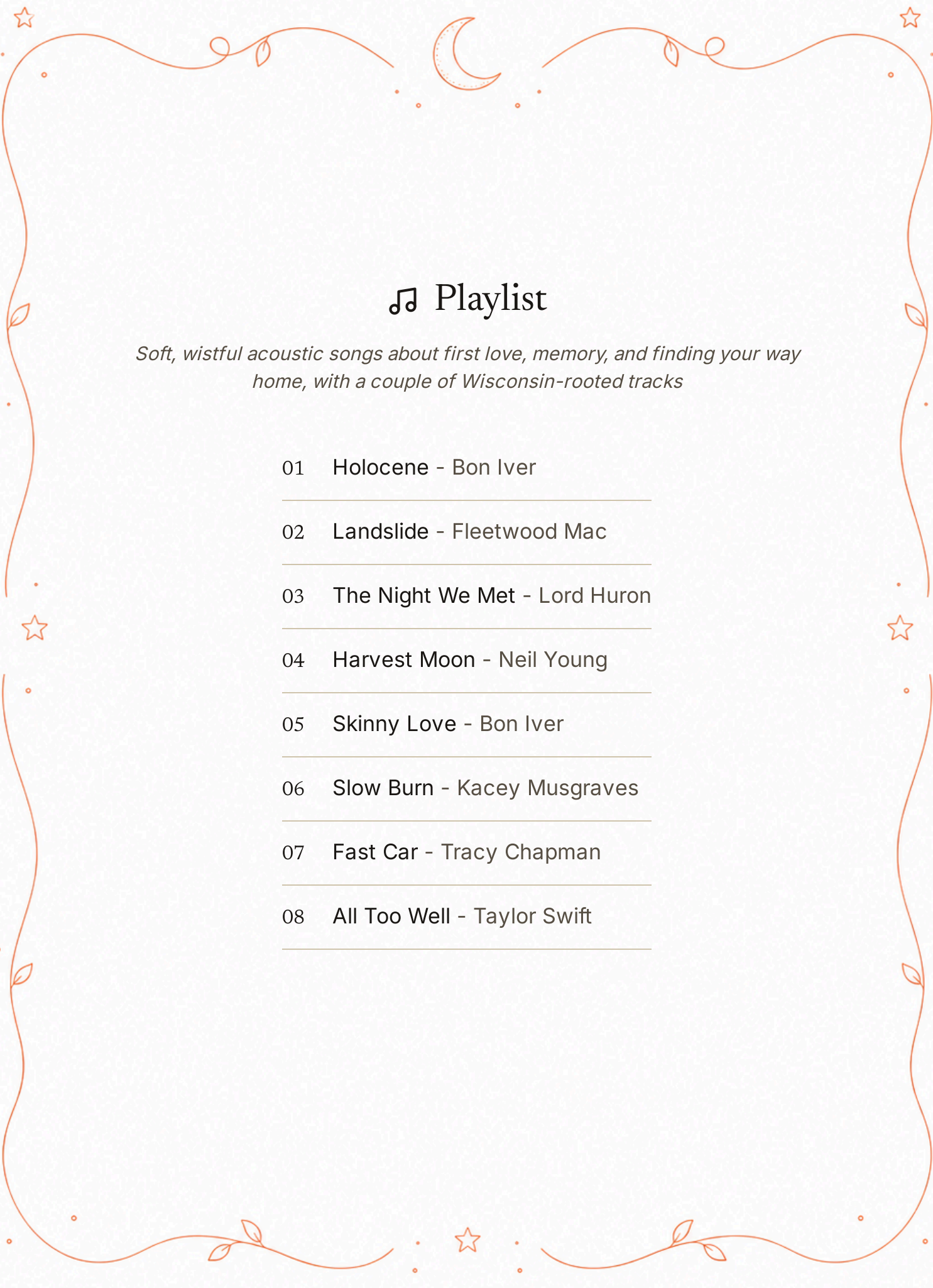
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Deeper Reflections and Scorecards

For readers who finished, close with the deep questions, then pass out scorecards and bookmarks for everyone to take home.

HOST TIPS

- Put the soup in a slow cooker on warm before guests arrive, so you're relaxed and chatting instead of stuck in the kitchen.
- Ask at the start whether everyone has finished the book, and save the deep questions for the end so nobody's reading gets spoiled.
- Keep the lights low with lamps or candles, and have a basket of throw blankets out. It makes people feel welcome to stay a while.



🎵 Playlist

Soft, wistful acoustic songs about first love, memory, and finding your way home, with a couple of Wisconsin-rooted tracks

- 01 Holocene - Bon Iver

- 02 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

- 03 The Night We Met - Lord Huron

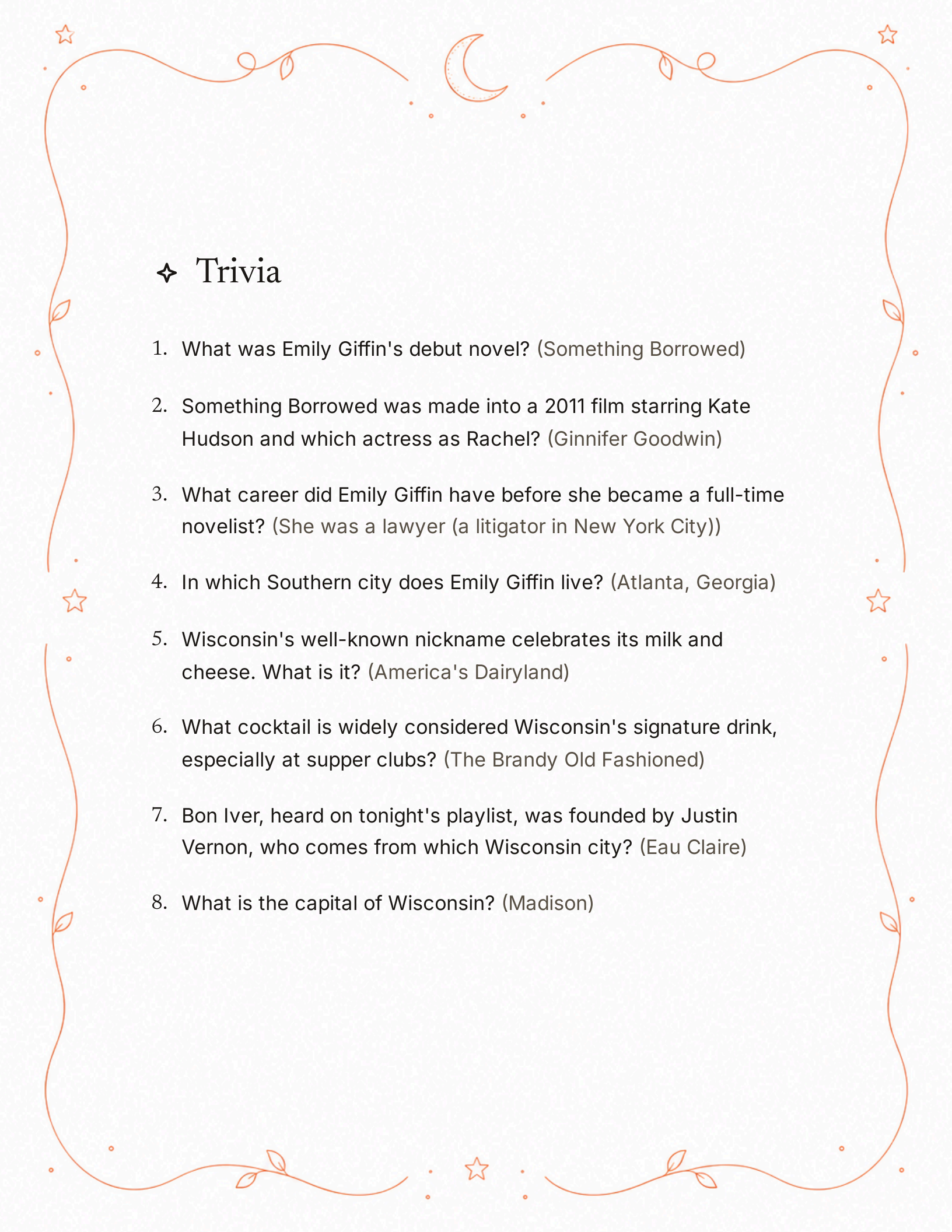
- 04 Harvest Moon - Neil Young

- 05 Skinny Love - Bon Iver

- 06 Slow Burn - Kacey Musgraves

- 07 Fast Car - Tracy Chapman

- 08 All Too Well - Taylor Swift

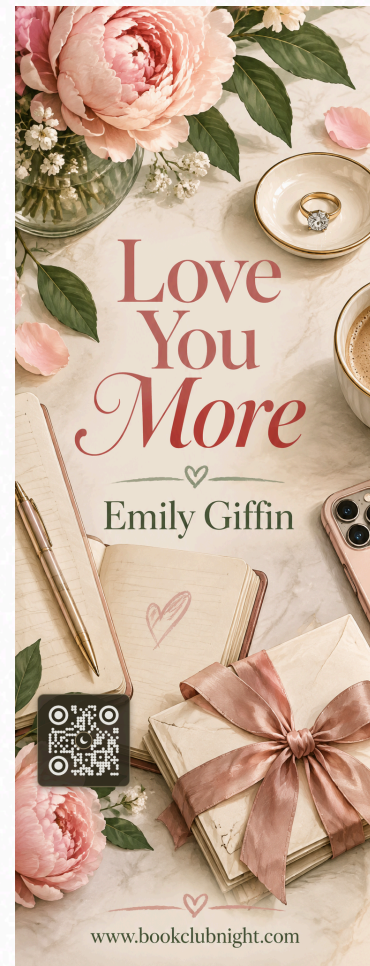
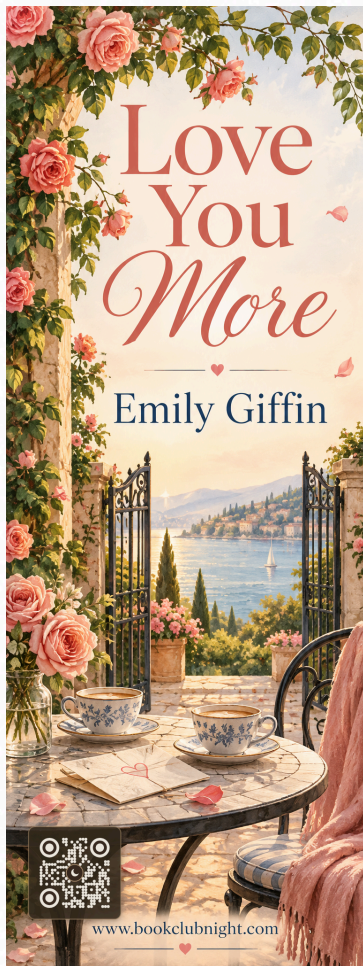


✧ Trivia

1. What was Emily Giffin's debut novel? (Something Borrowed)
2. Something Borrowed was made into a 2011 film starring Kate Hudson and which actress as Rachel? (Ginnifer Goodwin)
3. What career did Emily Giffin have before she became a full-time novelist? (She was a lawyer (a litigator in New York City))
4. In which Southern city does Emily Giffin live? (Atlanta, Georgia)
5. Wisconsin's well-known nickname celebrates its milk and cheese. What is it? (America's Dairyland)
6. What cocktail is widely considered Wisconsin's signature drink, especially at supper clubs? (The Brandy Old Fashioned)
7. Bon Iver, heard on tonight's playlist, was founded by Justin Vernon, who comes from which Wisconsin city? (Eau Claire)
8. What is the capital of Wisconsin? (Madison)

❏ Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Heart-Tug Factor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Cozy Comfort Level ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Hometown Nostalgia ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Love Story Swoon ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Reread on a Rainy Day ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

This book made me feel... _____

A person or place it reminded me of: _____

My perfect cozy snack to pair with it: _____

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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