

Pachinko

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

WARM-UP

1

Where did you do most of your reading of Pachinko, and did you have a snack or drink that became part of the ritual?

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2

Which early scene wrapped around you like a blanket, the kind you wanted to sit inside a little longer?

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DISCUSSION

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The boarding house meals and small kitchen moments carry so much love. What food memory from your own family did this book stir up?

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4

Sunja's quiet strength shows up in small, daily acts. Whose steadiness in your own life does she remind you of?

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So much of this story is about making a home in a place that doesn't always welcome you. When have you felt most at home somewhere unexpected?

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Mothers, grandmothers, and the things they don't say out loud are everywhere in this book. What did that bring up for you?

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DEEP

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Without giving anything away, which character's journey stayed with you after you closed the book, and what feeling did it leave behind?

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DEEP

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The novel suggests that history happens to people in very personal, quiet ways. Was there a moment that made you sit with that idea for a while?

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