

The Nightingale

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

WARM-UP

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Where did you do most of your reading, and did you have a favorite cozy spot or blanket while you turned the pages?

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Was there a scene early on that made you settle in and know you were going to love spending time with this book?

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DISCUSSION

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Vianne and Isabelle show very different kinds of strength. Which sister's way of coping felt more like yours, and did reading about the other one stretch your heart a little?

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So much of this story is about home, gardens, kitchens, small comforts in hard times. What little comfort from the book has stayed with you?

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Letters, music, and small kindnesses carry so much weight here. Was there a quiet moment that moved you more than the bigger dramatic ones?

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The bond between sisters (and between mothers and children) sits at the center of the book. Did any of those relationships remind you of someone in your own life?

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DEEP

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Without giving anything away, how did you feel when you closed the book, and did you need a minute before going back to ordinary life?

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The novel asks what we would do for the people we love when everything is taken away. Was there a choice in the story that you are still thinking about, and how did sitting with it make you feel?

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