

BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Sea Of Charms

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🌙 COZY NIGHT

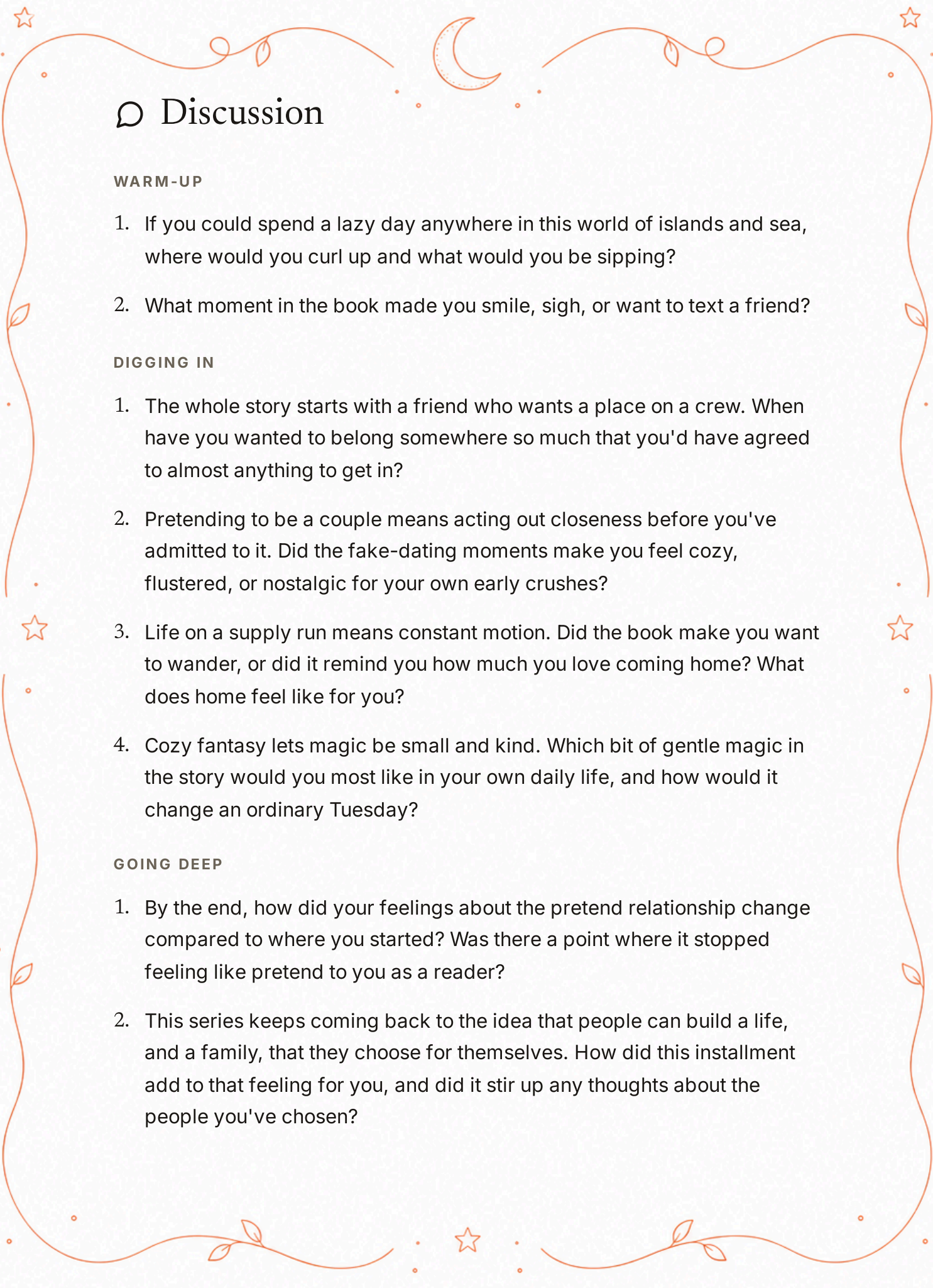
The third Spellshop book returns to the magical Crescent Isles with a supply runner, a friend who wants a place on her crew, and a pretend romance that may not stay pretend for long. It's like a warm blanket and a sea breeze at once, and it makes an easy, feel-good pick for a club that wants comfort as well as charm.

All Aboard for a Cozy Night of Charms

Bring your coziest socks and your feelings about fake dating. We'll have warm mugs, chowder, and a sea of good company waiting in port.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: Clubs that love tea, blankets, gentle romance, and talk that feels like catching up with old friends



Discussion

WARM-UP

1. If you could spend a lazy day anywhere in this world of islands and sea, where would you curl up and what would you be sipping?
2. What moment in the book made you smile, sigh, or want to text a friend?

DIGGING IN

1. The whole story starts with a friend who wants a place on a crew. When have you wanted to belong somewhere so much that you'd have agreed to almost anything to get in?
2. Pretending to be a couple means acting out closeness before you've admitted to it. Did the fake-dating moments make you feel cozy, flustered, or nostalgic for your own early crushes?
3. Life on a supply run means constant motion. Did the book make you want to wander, or did it remind you how much you love coming home? What does home feel like for you?
4. Cozy fantasy lets magic be small and kind. Which bit of gentle magic in the story would you most like in your own daily life, and how would it change an ordinary Tuesday?

GOING DEEP

1. By the end, how did your feelings about the pretend relationship change compared to where you started? Was there a point where it stopped feeling like pretend to you as a reader?
2. This series keeps coming back to the idea that people can build a life, and a family, that they choose for themselves. How did this installment add to that feeling for you, and did it stir up any thoughts about the people you've chosen?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Warm scones with homemade berry jam and clotted cream

A nod to the jam-making at the heart of the first Spellshop book. Homey, a bit indulgent, and easy to bake ahead.

Creamy harbor chowder in mugs

A hearty seaside bowl that tastes like a supply crew coming back to port. Keep it warm in a slow cooker so guests can help themselves.

Sea-salt caramel shortbread bites

Sweet and salty like an island breeze, simple to make, and perfect for nibbling during a long chat.

TO SIP

Mulled apple cider with cinnamon and orange (no alcohol)

A warm, fragrant, alcohol-free mug that makes the room smell like comfort. Everyone can drink it.

Honey-ginger rum toddy

A sailor's warm-up for chilly harbor evenings, gently spiced and soothing.

Sea-salt hot chocolate with whipped cream (no alcohol)

Rich and a little salty, like dessert eaten on the dock at sunset. Offer a splash of spiced rum as an optional add-in.



Run of show

7:00

Welcome to port

Greet guests with warm cider, point them to the blanket basket, and let them settle in.

7:15

Chowder and chatter

Serve chowder and scones and let conversation drift wherever it likes before the book comes up.

7:40

Warm-up questions

Start with the two warm-up questions so everyone shares a happy moment first.

8:00

Heart of the book

Move through the theme questions slowly. Personal stories are welcome detours.

8:35

Sweet treats and trivia

Bring out the shortbread and hot chocolate, then play a relaxed round of trivia with no scores kept.

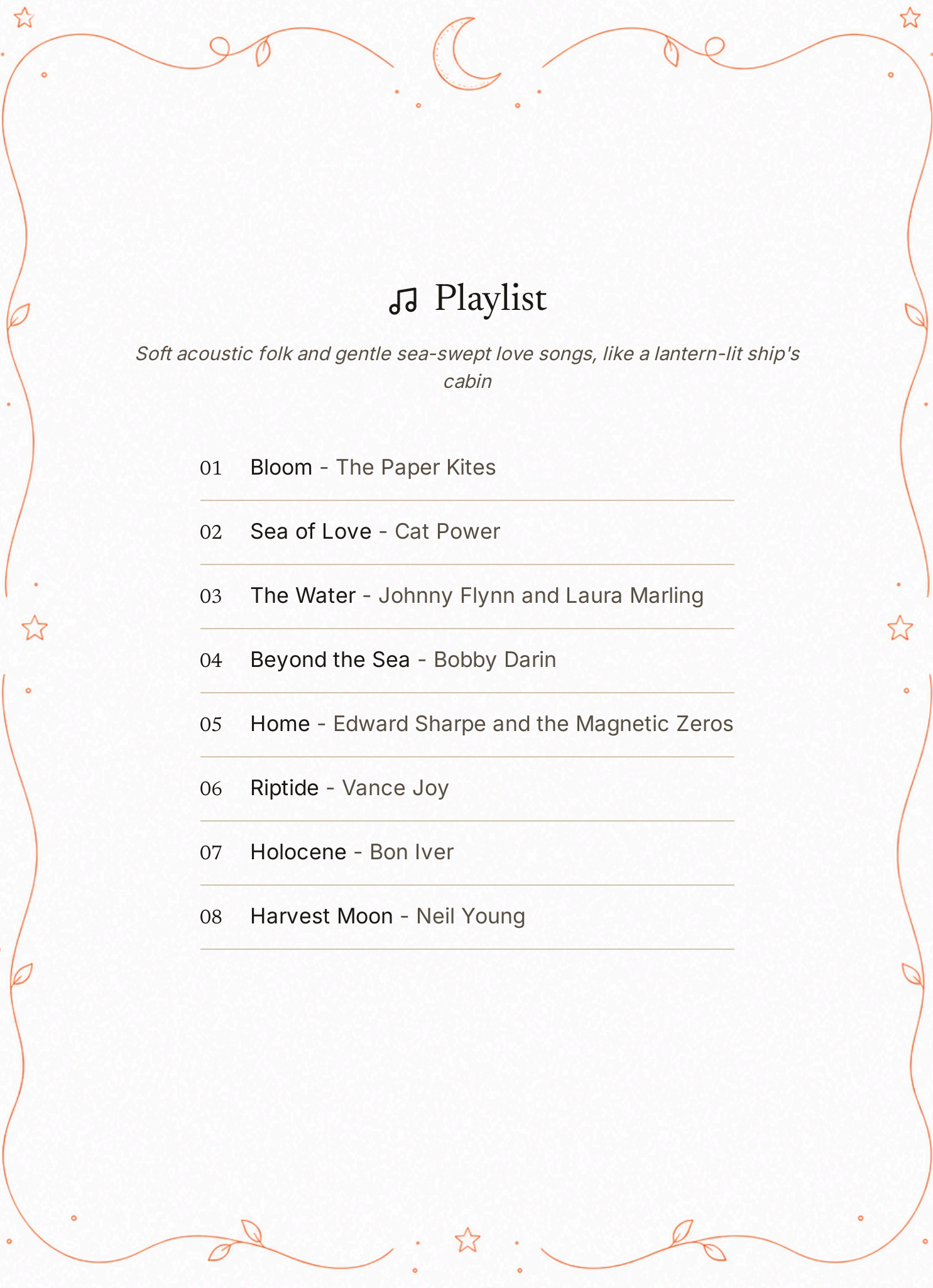
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Deep questions and farewells

Close with the deep questions, fill in scorecards, and send everyone home with a bookmark.

HOST TIPS

- Put the deep questions at the end and flag them as full-book so late finishers can top up their mugs or step away
- Dim the lights, light a few candles, and keep the playlist quiet enough that talking always wins
- Pass around a small jar of extra jam as a take-home favor to echo the series' homemade charm



🎵 Playlist

Soft acoustic folk and gentle sea-swept love songs, like a lantern-lit ship's cabin

01 Bloom - The Paper Kites

02 Sea of Love - Cat Power

03 The Water - Johnny Flynn and Laura Marling

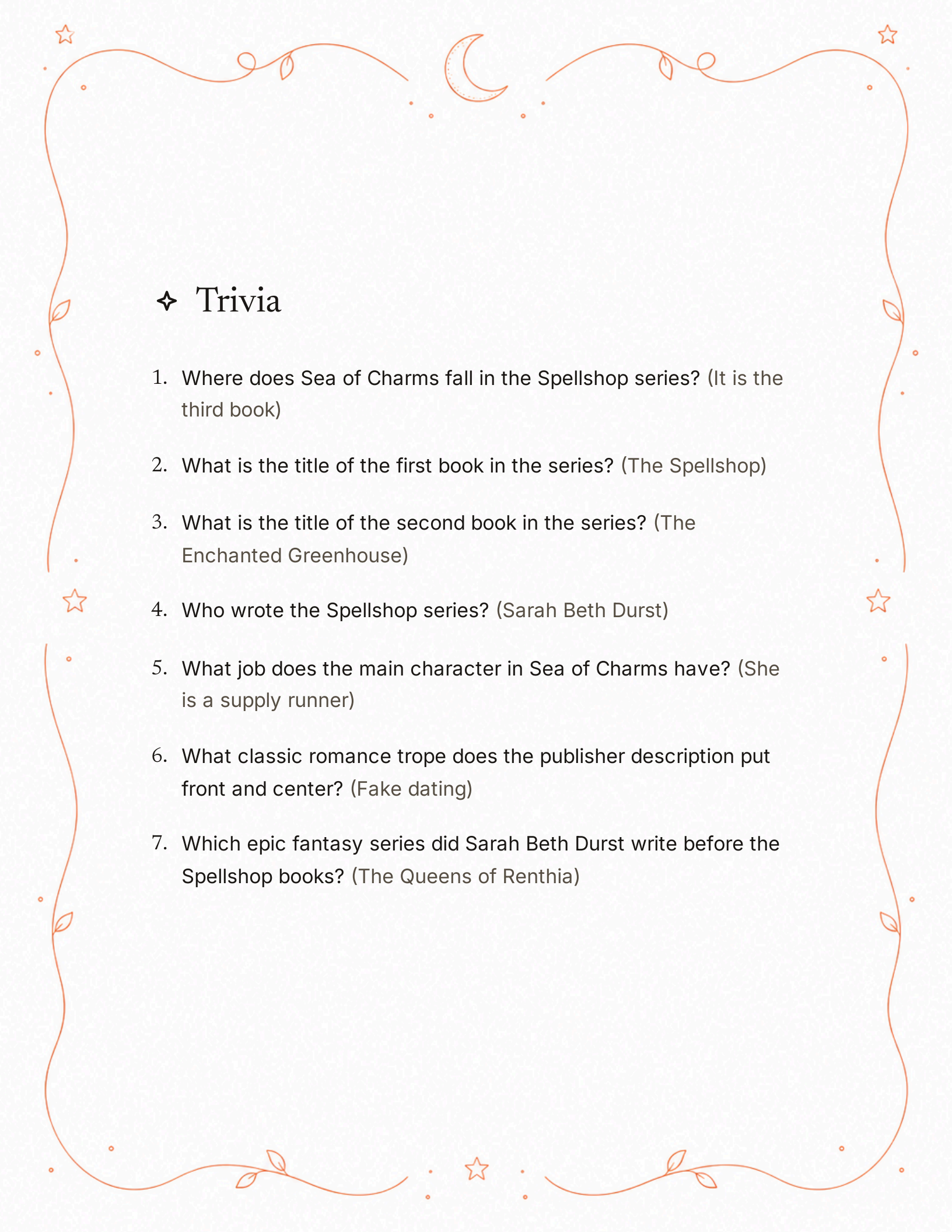
04 Beyond the Sea - Bobby Darin

05 Home - Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros

06 Riptide - Vance Joy

07 Holocene - Bon Iver

08 Harvest Moon - Neil Young



✧ Trivia

1. Where does Sea of Charms fall in the Spellshop series? (It is the third book)
2. What is the title of the first book in the series? (The Spellshop)
3. What is the title of the second book in the series? (The Enchanted Greenhouse)
4. Who wrote the Spellshop series? (Sarah Beth Durst)
5. What job does the main character in Sea of Charms have? (She is a supply runner)
6. What classic romance trope does the publisher description put front and center? (Fake dating)
7. Which epic fantasy series did Sarah Beth Durst write before the Spellshop books? (The Queens of Renthia)

□ Bookmarks

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



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chosen. Some
hearts are, too.”*

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Heart-flutter factor

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Found-family warmth

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Seaside escapism

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Comfort re-read potential

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

This book felt like a cup of: _____

The moment I wanted to hug the book: _____

One word for how it left me feeling: _____

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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