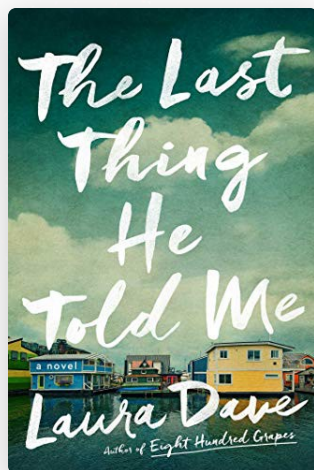


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



The Last Thing He Told Me

Laura Dave

☾ COZY NIGHT

A wife races to uncover her missing husband's secrets while bonding with his prickly teenage daughter. It is a tender, twisty domestic mystery that reads like a long, cozy weekend.

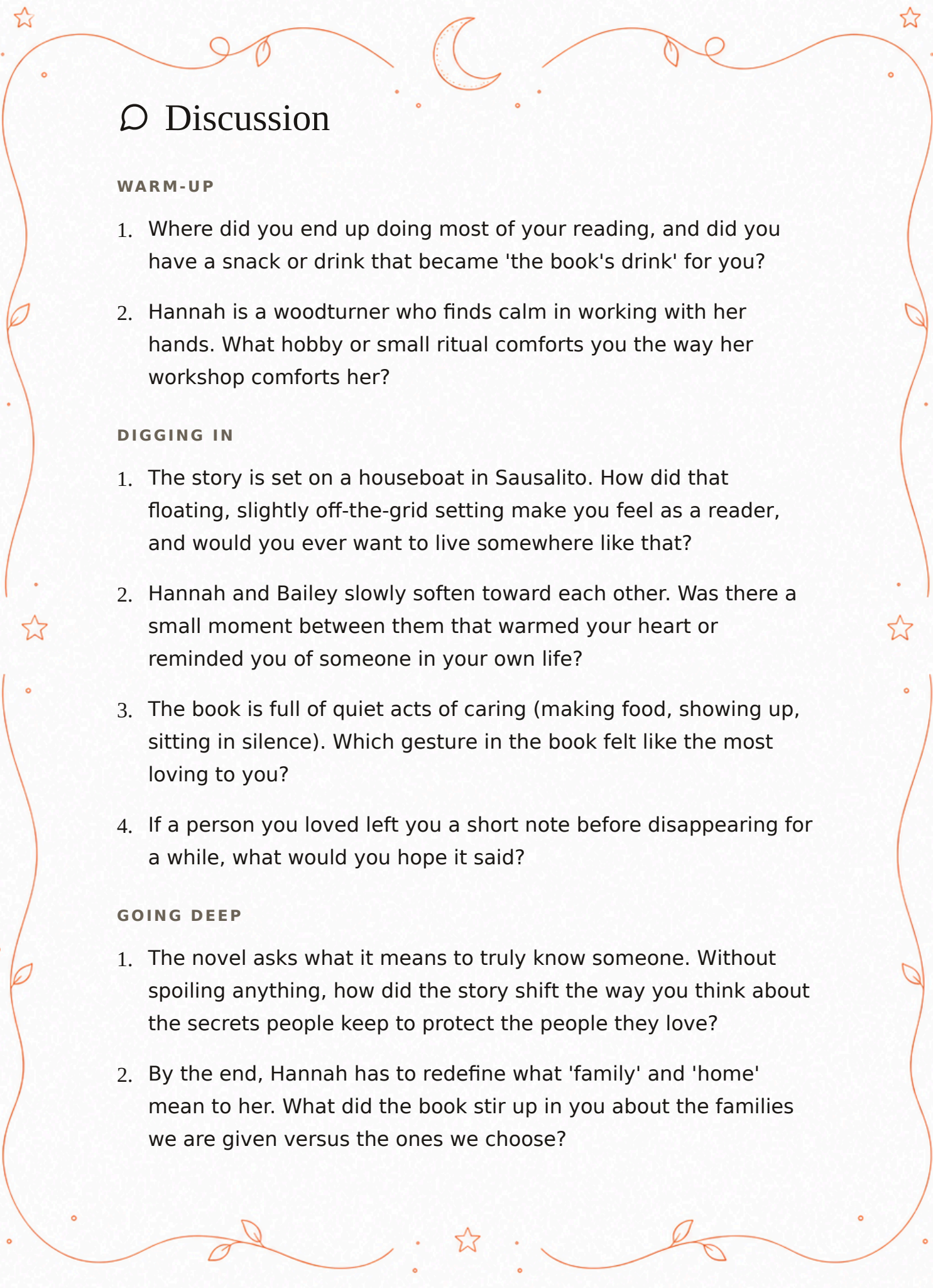
Soft Lights, Warm Mugs, and One Big Secret

Come curl up for a cozy night with Laura Dave's *The Last Thing He Told Me*. Bring slippers if you want, we are providing the soup, the cider, and the comfy chairs.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: Clubs that love an emotional page-turner and a heart-to-heart afterward





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Where did you end up doing most of your reading, and did you have a snack or drink that became 'the book's drink' for you?
2. Hannah is a woodturner who finds calm in working with her hands. What hobby or small ritual comforts you the way her workshop comforts her?

DIGGING IN

1. The story is set on a houseboat in Sausalito. How did that floating, slightly off-the-grid setting make you feel as a reader, and would you ever want to live somewhere like that?
2. Hannah and Bailey slowly soften toward each other. Was there a small moment between them that warmed your heart or reminded you of someone in your own life?
3. The book is full of quiet acts of caring (making food, showing up, sitting in silence). Which gesture in the book felt like the most loving to you?
4. If a person you loved left you a short note before disappearing for a while, what would you hope it said?

GOING DEEP

1. The novel asks what it means to truly know someone. Without spoiling anything, how did the story shift the way you think about the secrets people keep to protect the people they love?
2. By the end, Hannah has to redefine what 'family' and 'home' mean to her. What did the book stir up in you about the families we are given versus the ones we choose?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Slow-simmered tomato soup with grilled cheese triangles

Pure comfort food for a story about building a home, easy to set out in mugs while everyone curls up

Sausalito-style clam chowder in bread bowls

A nod to the Bay Area waterfront setting, hearty and warming for a houseboat-inspired night

Warm skillet apple crumble with vanilla ice cream

Honey, a little indulgent, and perfect for the soft, emotional final third of the book

TO SIP

Honey chamomile tea with lemon (no alcohol)

Gentle and soothing, like the quiet moments Hannah carves out for herself

Spiked cider with cinnamon sticks

Cozy mug-in-hand drink that fits the foggy waterfront mood

Buttery California Chardonnay

A soft nod to the Northern California setting, easy sipping for a slow conversation



Run of show

7:00

Soft landing

Doors open, music low, soup and tea ready so people can settle into blankets and couches

7:20

Warm-up chat

Pass out bookmarks and use the two warmup questions while everyone gets a mug in hand

7:40

Heart of the conversation

Work through the theme questions slowly, no rush, let tangents happen

8:20

Dessert and deeper talk

Bring out the apple crumble and ease into the two deep questions

8:50

Trivia and scorecards

Light cozy trivia round, then fill out the scorecard together

9:10

Soft close

Share one comforting takeaway each, refill mugs, announce the next pick

HOST TIPS

- Lean into texture: throw blankets, low lamps, and a candle make the room feel like the book
- Keep food self-serve in a 'help yourself' corner so conversation never has to pause
- If someone hasn't finished, invite them to share feelings rather than plot points so no one feels left out



🎵 Playlist

Soft, slightly melancholy folk and acoustic songs you'd play on a foggy evening by the water

- 01 Skinny Love - Birdy

- 02 The Night We Met - Lord Huron

- 03 Holocene - Bon Iver

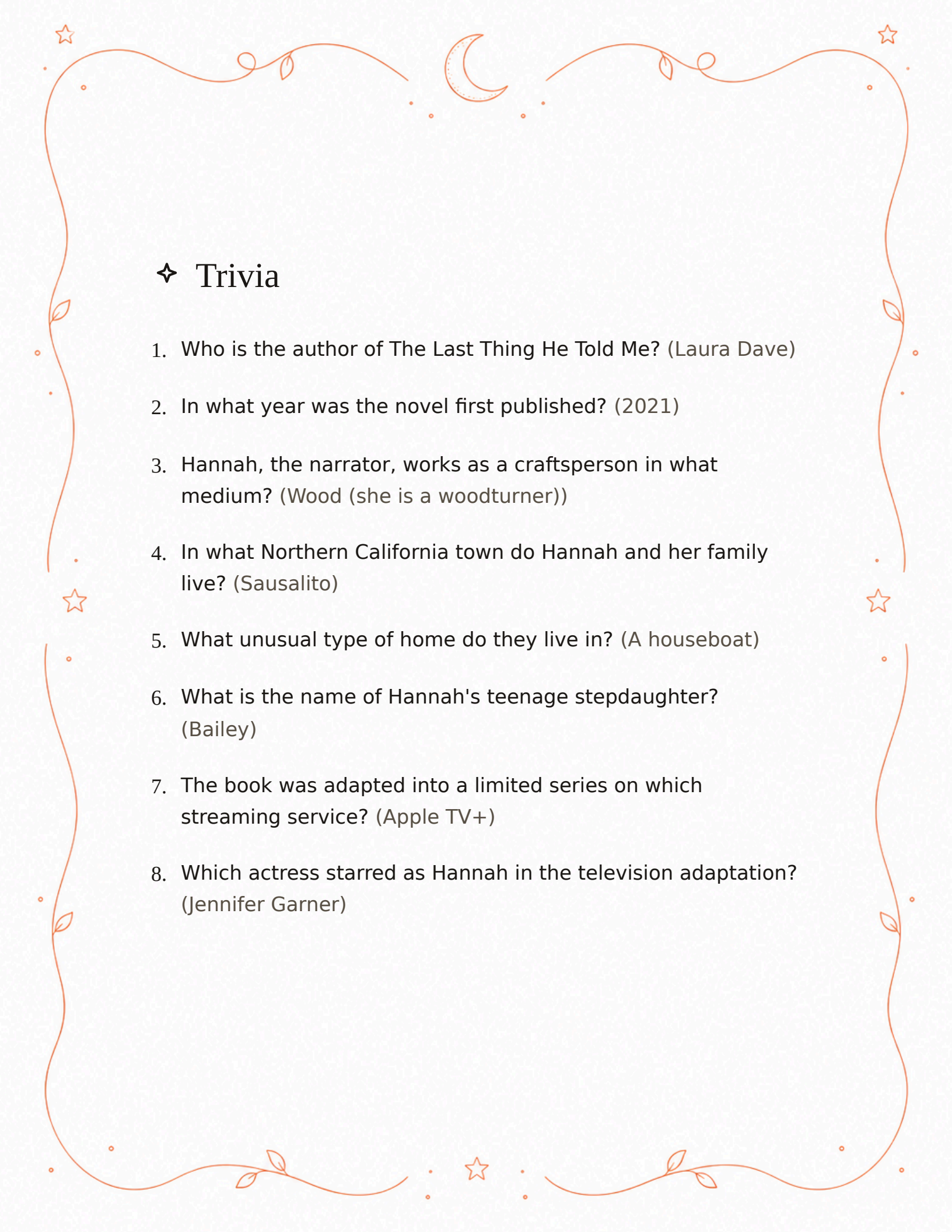
- 04 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

- 05 To Build a Home - The Cinematic Orchestra

- 06 First Day of My Life - Bright Eyes

- 07 Northern Wind - City and Colour

- 08 Light On - Maggie Rogers



✧ Trivia

1. Who is the author of The Last Thing He Told Me? (Laura Dave)
2. In what year was the novel first published? (2021)
3. Hannah, the narrator, works as a craftsperson in what medium? (Wood (she is a woodturner))
4. In what Northern California town do Hannah and her family live? (Sausalito)
5. What unusual type of home do they live in? (A houseboat)
6. What is the name of Hannah's teenage stepdaughter? (Bailey)
7. The book was adapted into a limited series on which streaming service? (Apple TV+)
8. Which actress starred as Hannah in the television adaptation? (Jennifer Garner)

📖 Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Coziness factor

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Heart and feels

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

How hooked you were

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Characters you'd hug

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Comfort reread potential

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

The scene I'd want to live inside: _____

I'd hand this book to: _____

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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