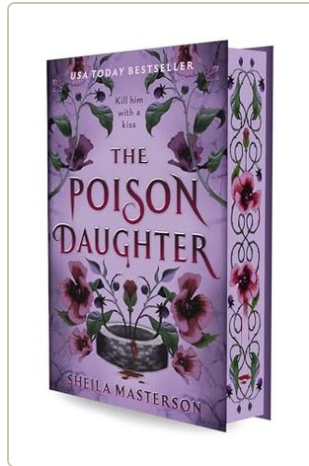


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



The Poison Daughter

Sheila Masterson

🌙 COZY NIGHT

A vigilante with a lethal kiss protects the vulnerable while facing danger from the man she is meant to marry, a story of tenderness and steel that begs to be talked through with friends. Perfect for a night wrapped in blankets and warm mugs.

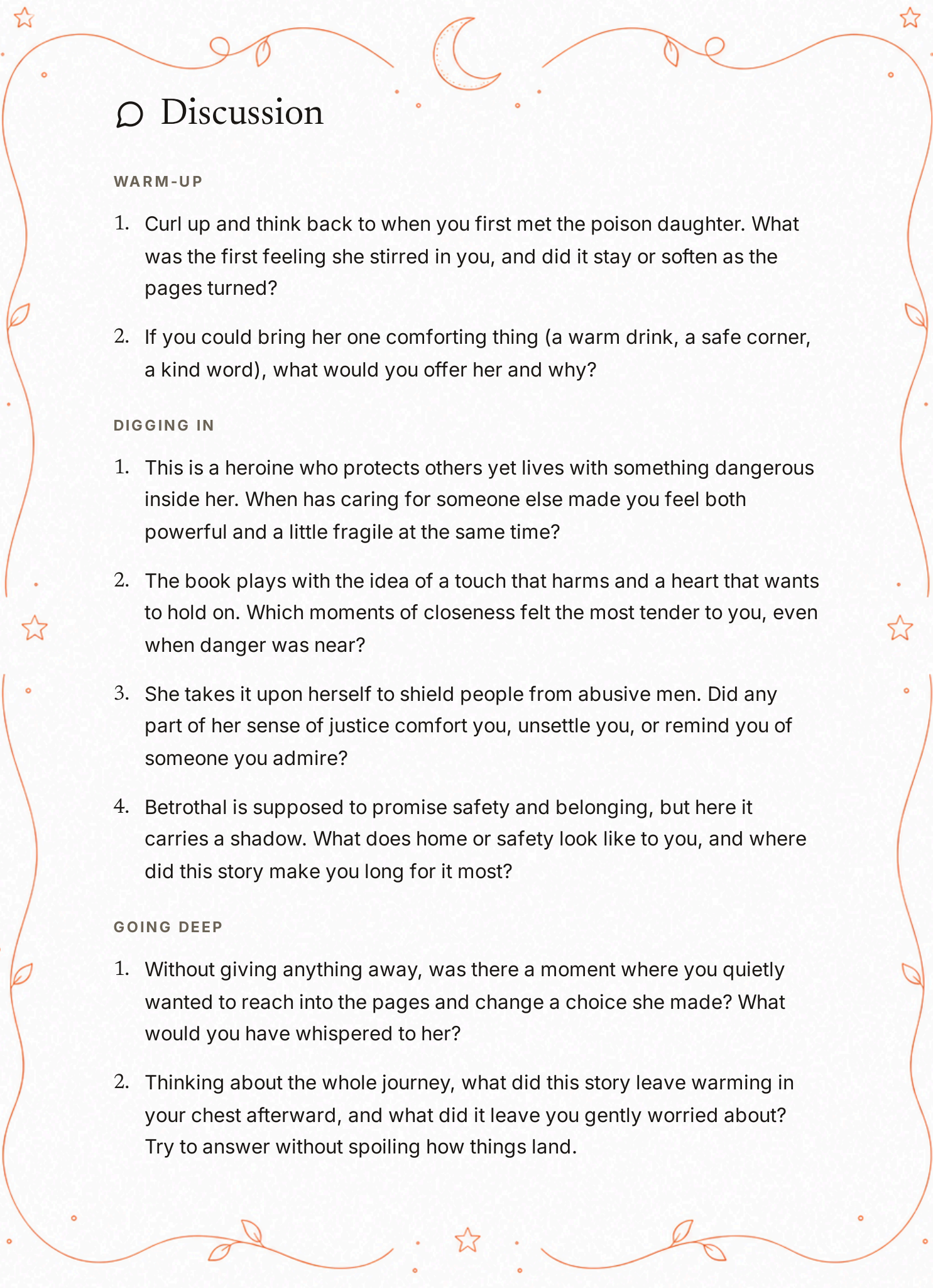
A Cozy Night with The Poison Daughter

Bring your softest sweater and an open heart for warm drinks, comfort food, and gentle talk about a deadly, tender heroine. Come be cared for.

Reading level: Moderate

Best for: A close-knit club that loves swoony, morally complicated heroines and long, heartfelt chats





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Curl up and think back to when you first met the poison daughter. What was the first feeling she stirred in you, and did it stay or soften as the pages turned?
2. If you could bring her one comforting thing (a warm drink, a safe corner, a kind word), what would you offer her and why?

DIGGING IN

1. This is a heroine who protects others yet lives with something dangerous inside her. When has caring for someone else made you feel both powerful and a little fragile at the same time?
2. The book plays with the idea of a touch that harms and a heart that wants to hold on. Which moments of closeness felt the most tender to you, even when danger was near?
3. She takes it upon herself to shield people from abusive men. Did any part of her sense of justice comfort you, unsettle you, or remind you of someone you admire?
4. Betrothal is supposed to promise safety and belonging, but here it carries a shadow. What does home or safety look like to you, and where did this story make you long for it most?

GOING DEEP

1. Without giving anything away, was there a moment where you quietly wanted to reach into the pages and change a choice she made? What would you have whispered to her?
2. Thinking about the whole journey, what did this story leave warming in your chest afterward, and what did it leave you gently worried about? Try to answer without spoiling how things land.

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Slow-simmered apple and blackberry crumble

Dark, jewel-toned berries nod to the poison theme while the warm baked comfort keeps the night cozy and forgiving.

Herb garden pot pies

The heroine's world of leaves and toxins reimagined as savory, nurturing hand pies full of gentle green herbs.

Honey and lavender shortbread

Delicate florals hint at a poisoner's apothecary but taste soft, sweet, and utterly soothing.

TO SIP

Spiced mulled wine

Deep red and warming, a little dangerous-looking in the glass yet perfect for slow sipping and long talks.

Blackberry and sage cordial

An alcoholic option with a botanical edge that plays on the book's poisons while staying smooth and indulgent.

Chamomile and honey herbal tea (no alcohol)

A caffeine-free, non-alcoholic hug in a mug, calming enough to balance the story's tension.



Run of show

7:00

Warm welcome

Greet everyone with a mug of chamomile tea and let them settle into blankets and cushions.

7:20

Comfort plates

Serve the crumble and pot pies buffet style so people can graze while they chat.

7:40

Gentle warm-ups

Ease in with the two warm-up questions to get everyone sharing feelings, not analysis.

8:05

Heart of the story

Move through the theme questions at a relaxed pace, letting quiet folks find their moment.

8:40

Deeper together

Close the discussion with the two deep questions over shortbread and a second round of drinks.

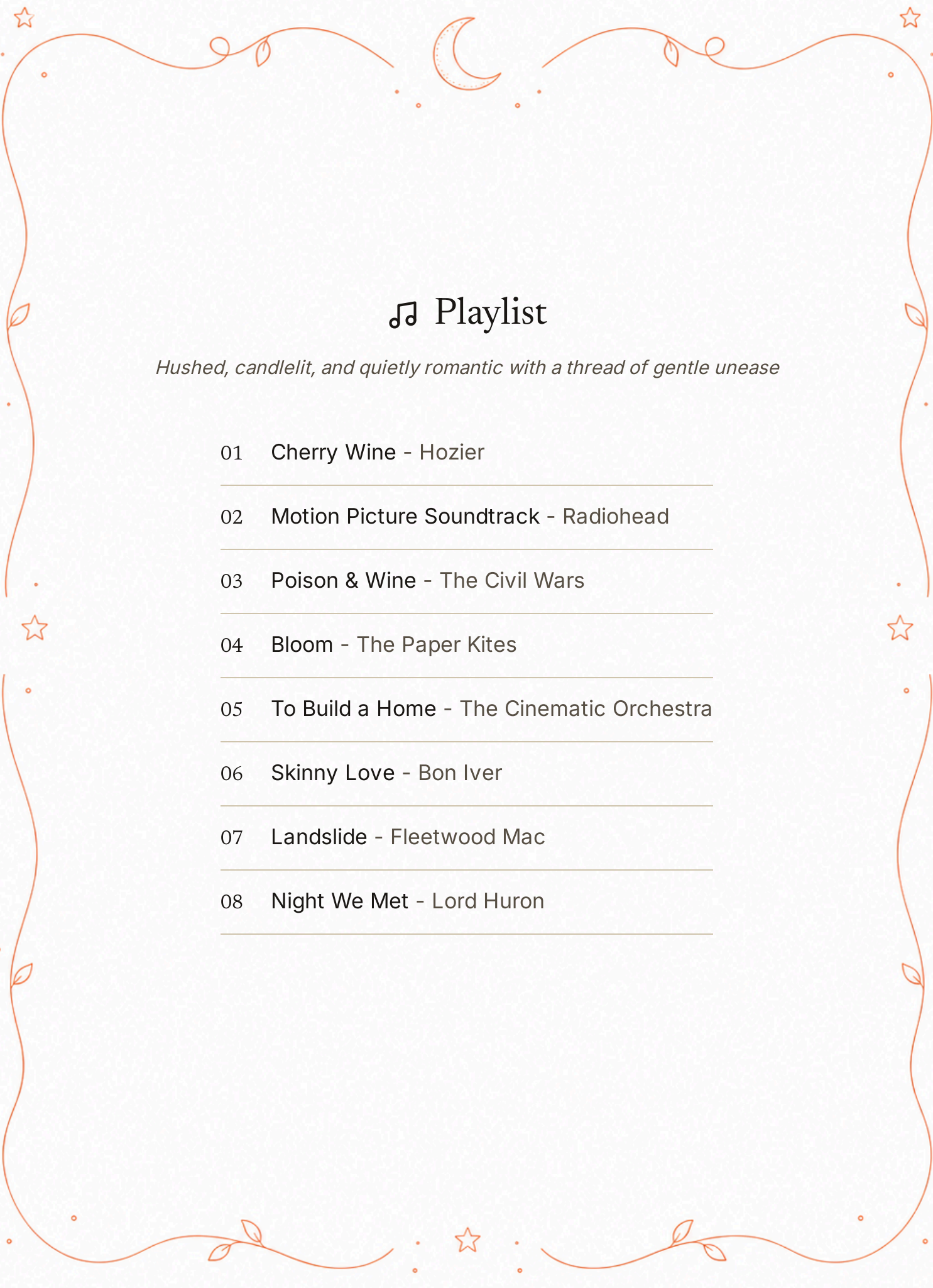
9:00

Trivia and scorecards

Wind down with light trivia and filling in scorecards, then send guests home with a bookmark.

HOST TIPS

- Keep the lighting low and soft (fairy lights or candles) so the mood stays snug and unhurried.
- Let silences breathe; in a cozy night, a pause often means someone is gathering a heartfelt answer.
- Have spare blankets and to-go containers ready so guests feel cared for from arrival to goodbye.



♪ Playlist

Hushed, candlelit, and quietly romantic with a thread of gentle unease

01 Cherry Wine - Hozier

02 Motion Picture Soundtrack - Radiohead

03 Poison & Wine - The Civil Wars

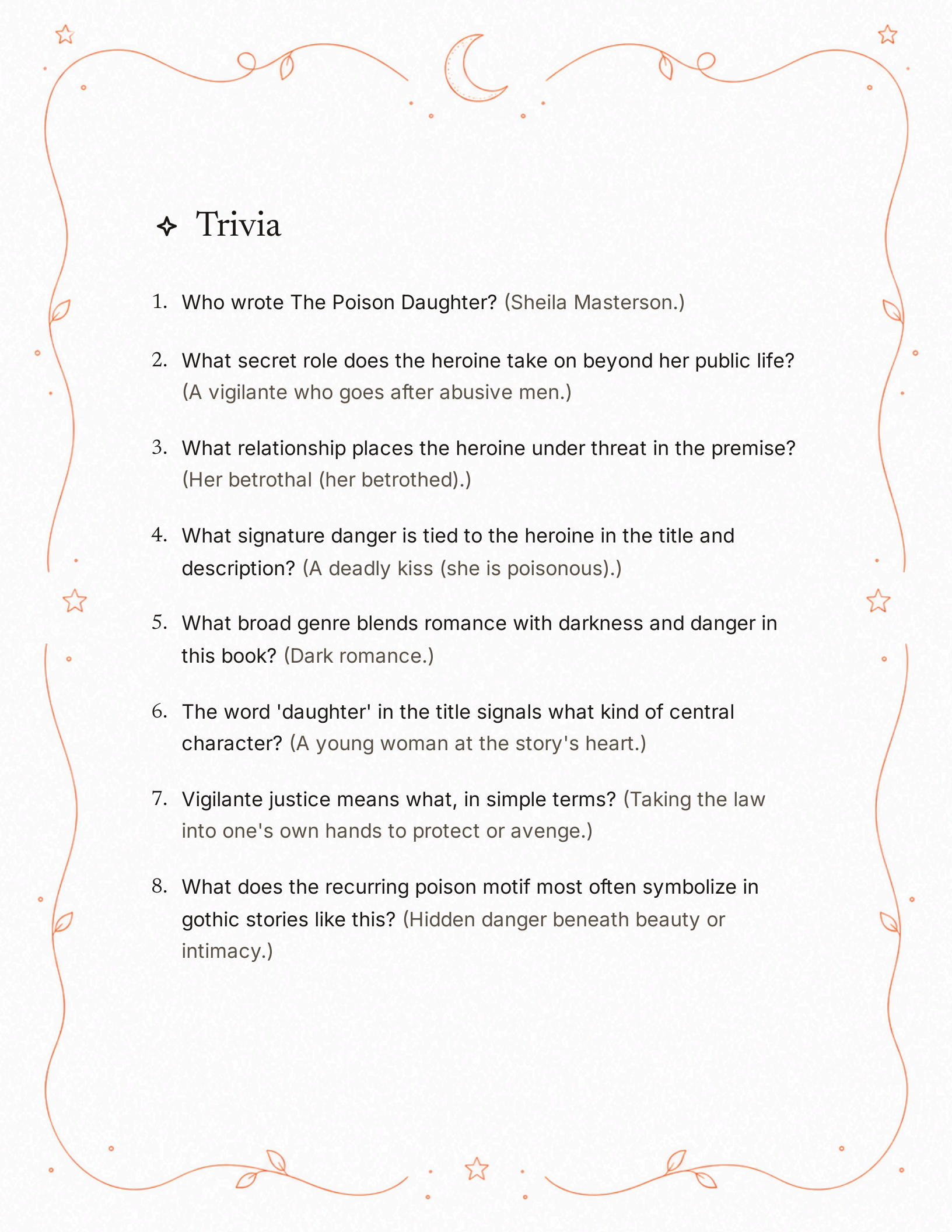
04 Bloom - The Paper Kites

05 To Build a Home - The Cinematic Orchestra

06 Skinny Love - Bon Iver

07 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

08 Night We Met - Lord Huron

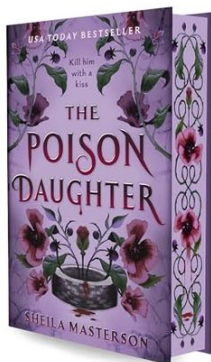


✧ Trivia

1. Who wrote The Poison Daughter? (Sheila Masterson.)
2. What secret role does the heroine take on beyond her public life?
(A vigilante who goes after abusive men.)
3. What relationship places the heroine under threat in the premise?
(Her betrothal (her betrothed).)
4. What signature danger is tied to the heroine in the title and description? (A deadly kiss (she is poisonous).)
5. What broad genre blends romance with darkness and danger in this book? (Dark romance.)
6. The word 'daughter' in the title signals what kind of central character? (A young woman at the story's heart.)
7. Vigilante justice means what, in simple terms? (Taking the law into one's own hands to protect or avenge.)
8. What does the recurring poison motif most often symbolize in gothic stories like this? (Hidden danger beneath beauty or intimacy.)

☐ Bookmarks

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



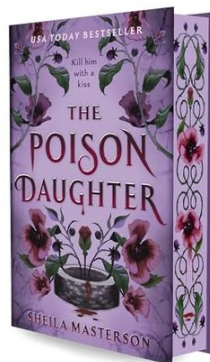
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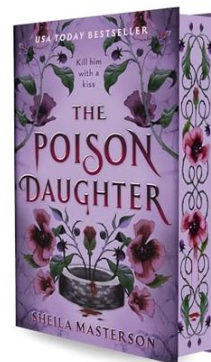
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How much you rooted for her ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Comfort reread potential ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book made you feel: _____

The scene I would wrap in a blanket: _____

A character I wanted to protect: _____

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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