



BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT

The Wild Beneath

Kelly Anderson

☾ COZY NIGHT

A haunting, tender debut where nature and love intertwine, perfect for a slow evening of shared feelings and quiet wonder.

Come get cozy with The Wild Beneath

Bring your softest sweater and an open heart. We are gathering for soup, sweet drinks, and a slow, tender talk about Kelly Anderson's debut.

Reading level: Moderate **Pages:** 321

Best for: Clubs who love lyrical, feelings-forward fiction and slow, soulful conversations





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Where were you when you read most of this book, and did the setting of your reading match the mood of the story?
2. What was the first image or scene that made you sink into the book and feel like you were somewhere else?

DIGGING IN

1. The story leans into the wildness of nature. Was there a place in your own life, a woods, a shore, a backyard, that came rushing back to you as you read?
2. Which passage felt the most comforting to you, like something you wanted to wrap around your shoulders?
3. Love in this book has a quiet, mysterious quality. What kind of love in your own life does it remind you of, romantic, familial, or otherwise?
4. The book has a musical, almost dreamlike quality. Did any sounds, songs, or silences from your own memory surface while reading?

GOING DEEP

1. The story flirts with the idea that the impossible might be possible. When has your own life brushed up against something you could not quite explain?
2. Without giving anything away, how did the book leave you feeling as you closed it, and did that feeling stay with you the next day?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Wild mushroom and thyme soup with crusty bread

Earthy and forest-scented, mirrors the book's woodland hush

Honey butter biscuits

Warm, homey, a little indulgent, easy to pass around a soft-lit table

Baked apples with cinnamon and oats

A gentle, nostalgic dessert that echoes the book's tender, natural mood

TO SIP

Chamomile and honey tea (no alcohol)

Soothing and floral, perfect for a slow, feelings-first conversation

Mulled cider with orange and clove (no alcohol)

Warm spice for a cozy, mystical evening (non-alcoholic base)

Elderflower and white wine spritz

Light, meadow-sweet, matches the book's ethereal shimmer

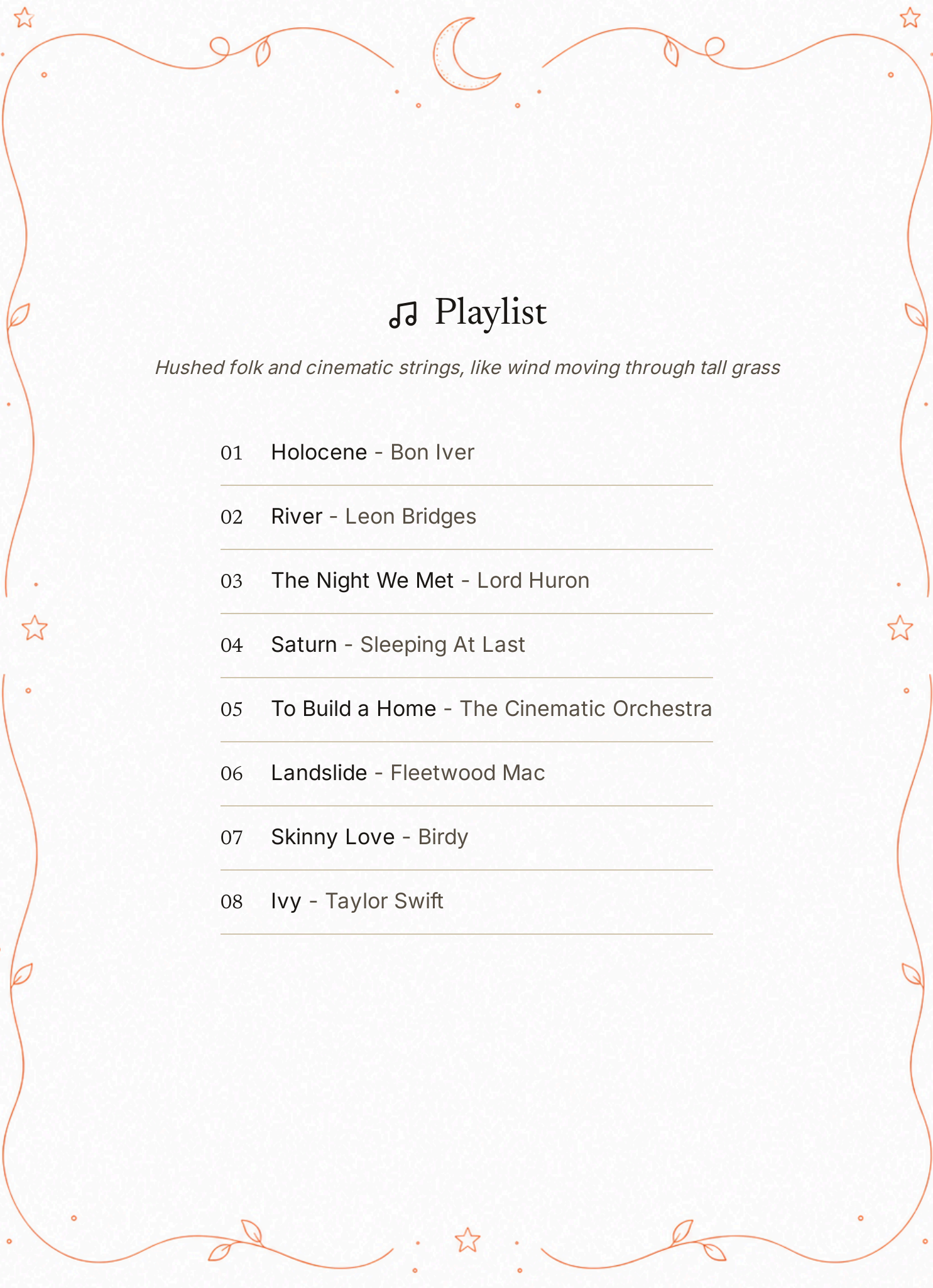


Run of show

7:00	Soft landing Greet at the door with a mug of chamomile tea and a blanket on every chair
7:15	Snack and settle Ladle out soup and biscuits while people chat about their week
7:35	Warmup circle Move to the couch/floor cushions and share the two warmup questions
7:55	Heart of the book Work through the theme questions, letting silences breathe
8:30	Deeper waters Turn the lights lower, serve baked apples, and drift into the deep questions
9:00	Soft close Fill in scorecards together and hand out bookmarks as parting gifts

HOST TIPS

- Keep the lighting low: lamps, candles, and fairy lights beat overhead lights for this vibe
- Have extra socks or throws on hand so guests can truly settle in
- If conversation stalls, offer a warm refill before jumping to the next question; pauses are welcome



🎵 Playlist

Hushed folk and cinematic strings, like wind moving through tall grass

01 Holocene - Bon Iver

02 River - Leon Bridges

03 The Night We Met - Lord Huron

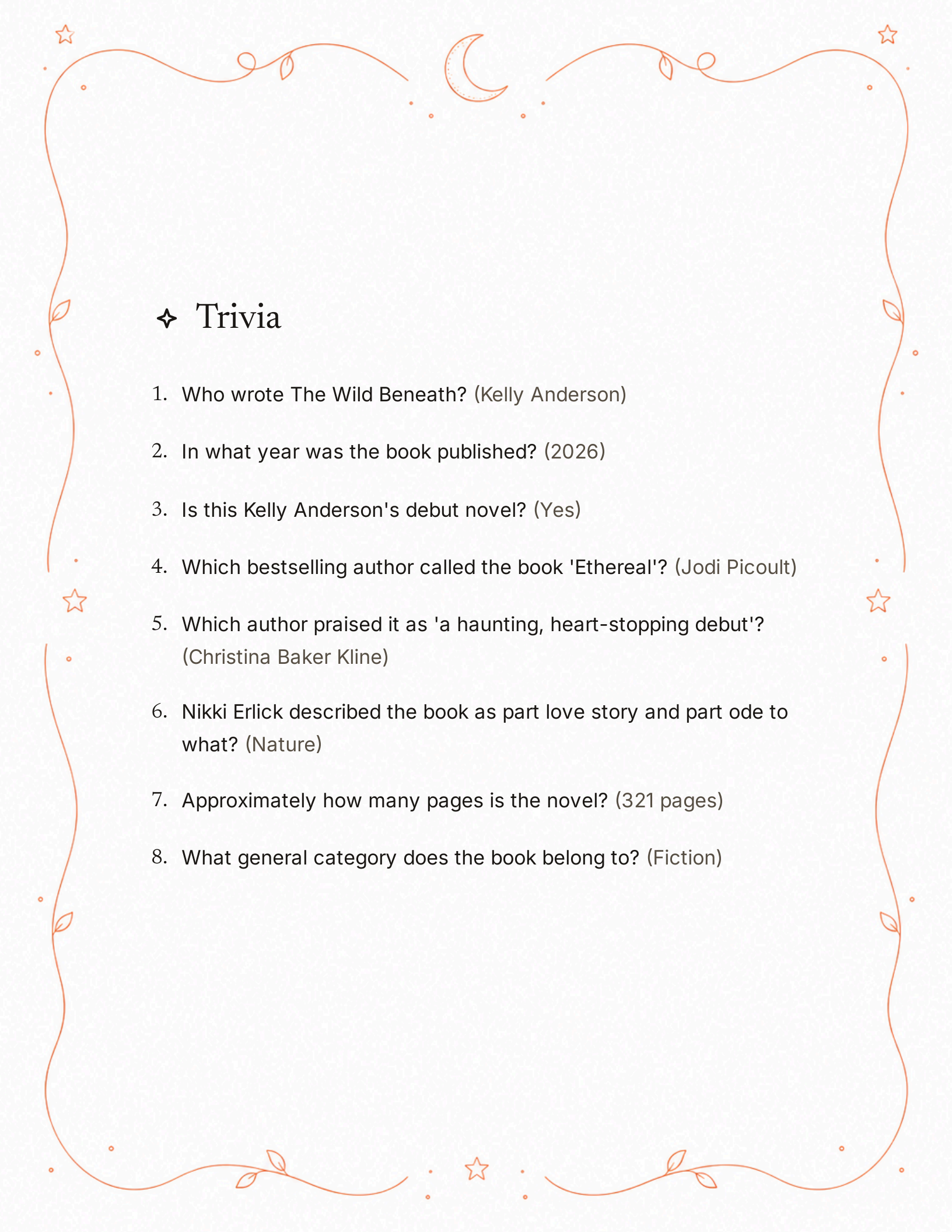
04 Saturn - Sleeping At Last

05 To Build a Home - The Cinematic Orchestra

06 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

07 Skinny Love - Birdy

08 Ivy - Taylor Swift

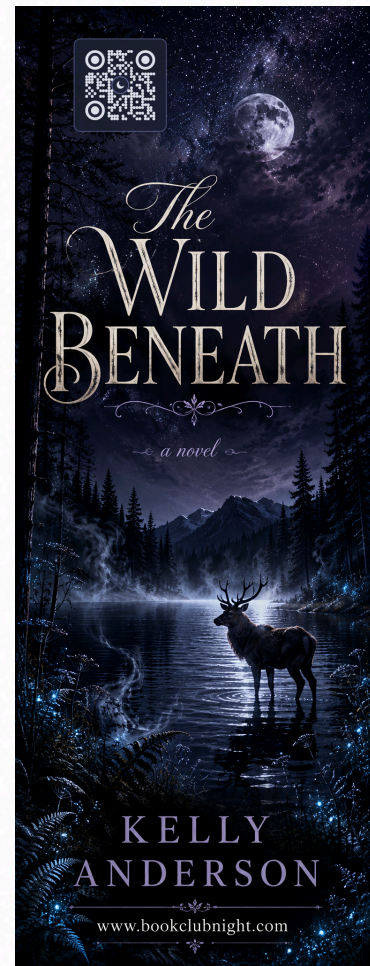
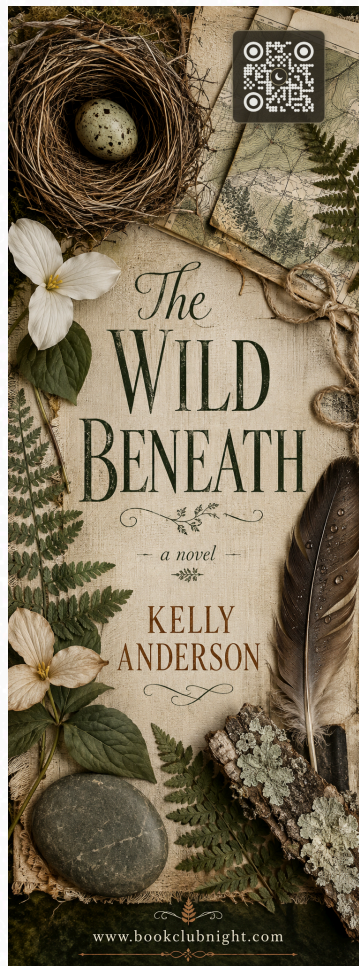
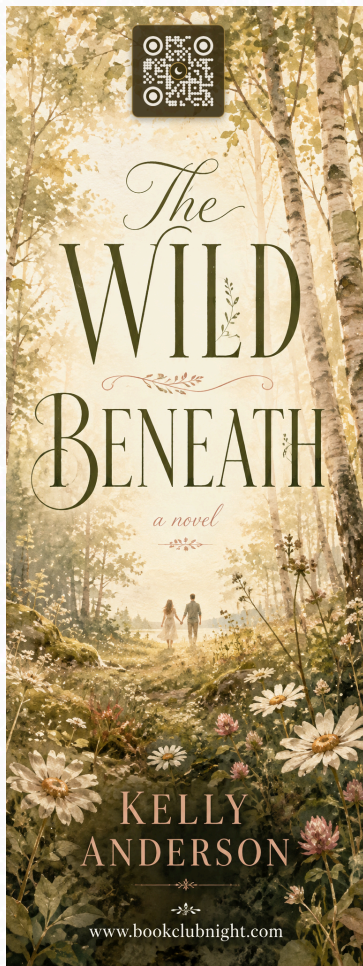


✧ Trivia

1. Who wrote The Wild Beneath? (Kelly Anderson)
2. In what year was the book published? (2026)
3. Is this Kelly Anderson's debut novel? (Yes)
4. Which bestselling author called the book 'Ethereal'? (Jodi Picoult)
5. Which author praised it as 'a haunting, heart-stopping debut'? (Christina Baker Kline)
6. Nikki Erlick described the book as part love story and part ode to what? (Nature)
7. Approximately how many pages is the novel? (321 pages)
8. What general category does the book belong to? (Fiction)

❏ Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Coziness ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Emotional pull ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Atmosphere ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Lingered with me ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Would gift to a friend ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book felt: _____

A scene I want to reread on a rainy day: _____

Someone I want to hand this book to next: _____

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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