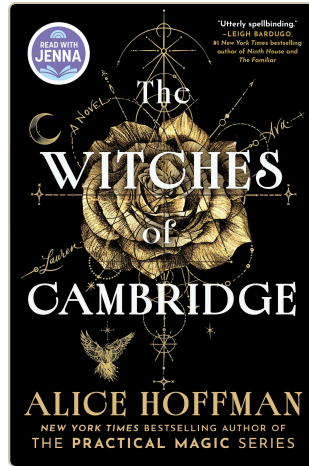


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



The Witches Of Cambridge

Alice Hoffman

☾ COZY NIGHT

A warm, magical trip to 1950s Cambridge where two young witches find friendship and courage inside a secret Radcliffe society, perfect for a cozy night of heart and wonder.

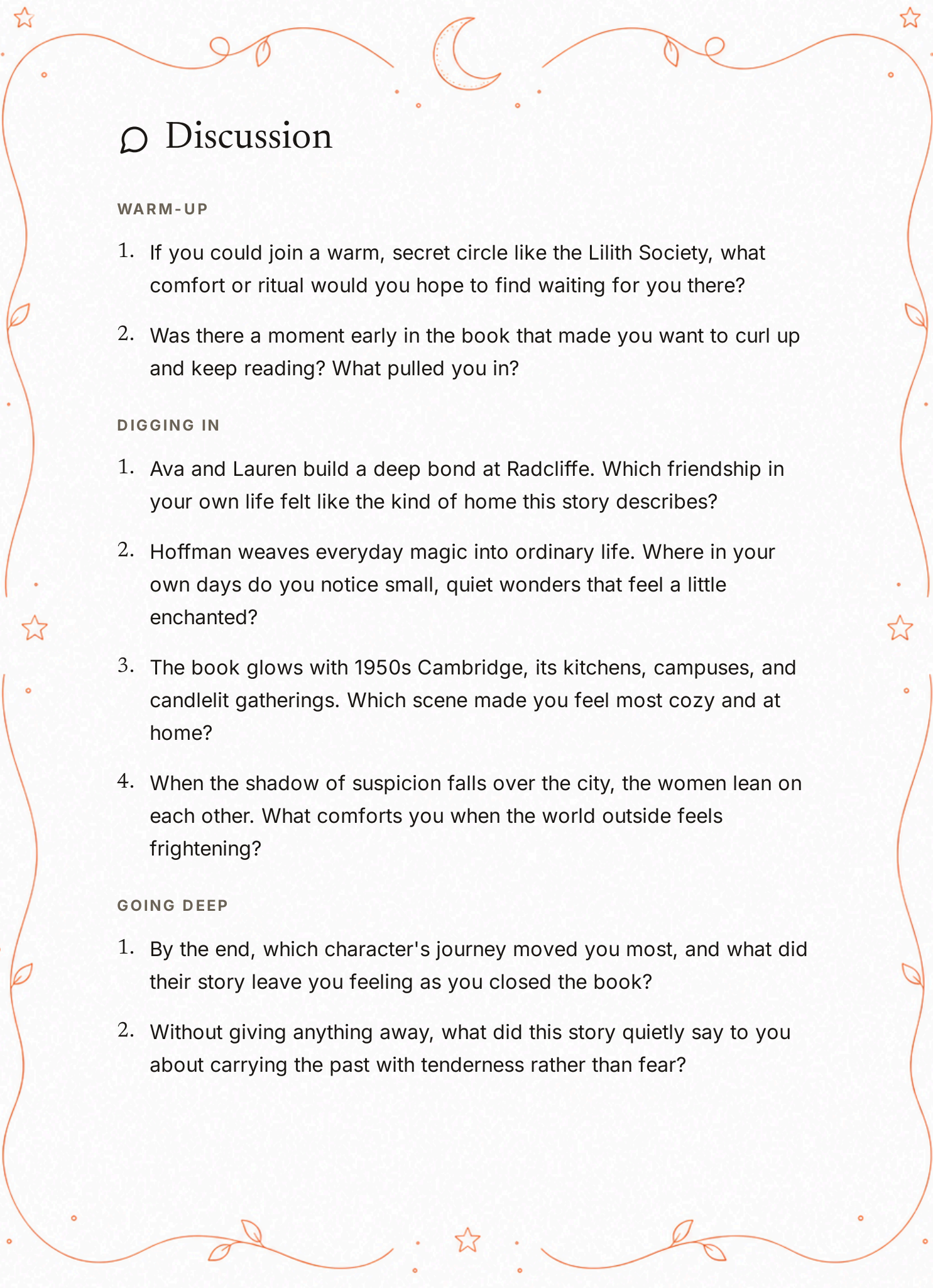
A Cozy Night with the Witches of Cambridge

Bring your comfiest sweater and join us for warm cider, soft candlelight, and gentle talk about a spellbinding 1950s tale. All hearts welcome.

Reading level: Moderate

Best for: a club that loves atmospheric, heartfelt stories and lingering over tea long after the questions run out





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. If you could join a warm, secret circle like the Lilith Society, what comfort or ritual would you hope to find waiting for you there?
2. Was there a moment early in the book that made you want to curl up and keep reading? What pulled you in?

DIGGING IN

1. Ava and Lauren build a deep bond at Radcliffe. Which friendship in your own life felt like the kind of home this story describes?
2. Hoffman weaves everyday magic into ordinary life. Where in your own days do you notice small, quiet wonders that feel a little enchanted?
3. The book glows with 1950s Cambridge, its kitchens, campuses, and candlelit gatherings. Which scene made you feel most cozy and at home?
4. When the shadow of suspicion falls over the city, the women lean on each other. What comforts you when the world outside feels frightening?

GOING DEEP

1. By the end, which character's journey moved you most, and what did their story leave you feeling as you closed the book?
2. Without giving anything away, what did this story quietly say to you about carrying the past with tenderness rather than fear?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Warm apple and cranberry crumble

A New England autumn dessert that tastes like a Cambridge kitchen, cozy and a little indulgent

Herbed pot pie with a flaky crust

Hearty comfort food evoking hearthside gatherings and the nurturing warmth of the society's shared meals

Rosemary and sea salt shortbread

Simple, homey, and gently herbal, a nod to witchy kitchen magic that is easy to bake

TO SIP

Spiced mulled cider (no alcohol)

Cinnamon and clove steam that fills the room, a warm hug in a mug and fully non-alcoholic

Chamomile and honey tea (no alcohol)

Soothing and gentle, perfect for lingering conversation about what moved you

Hot spiced wine (mulled red)

A candlelit, slightly indulgent pour that suits the moody 1950s evening warmth

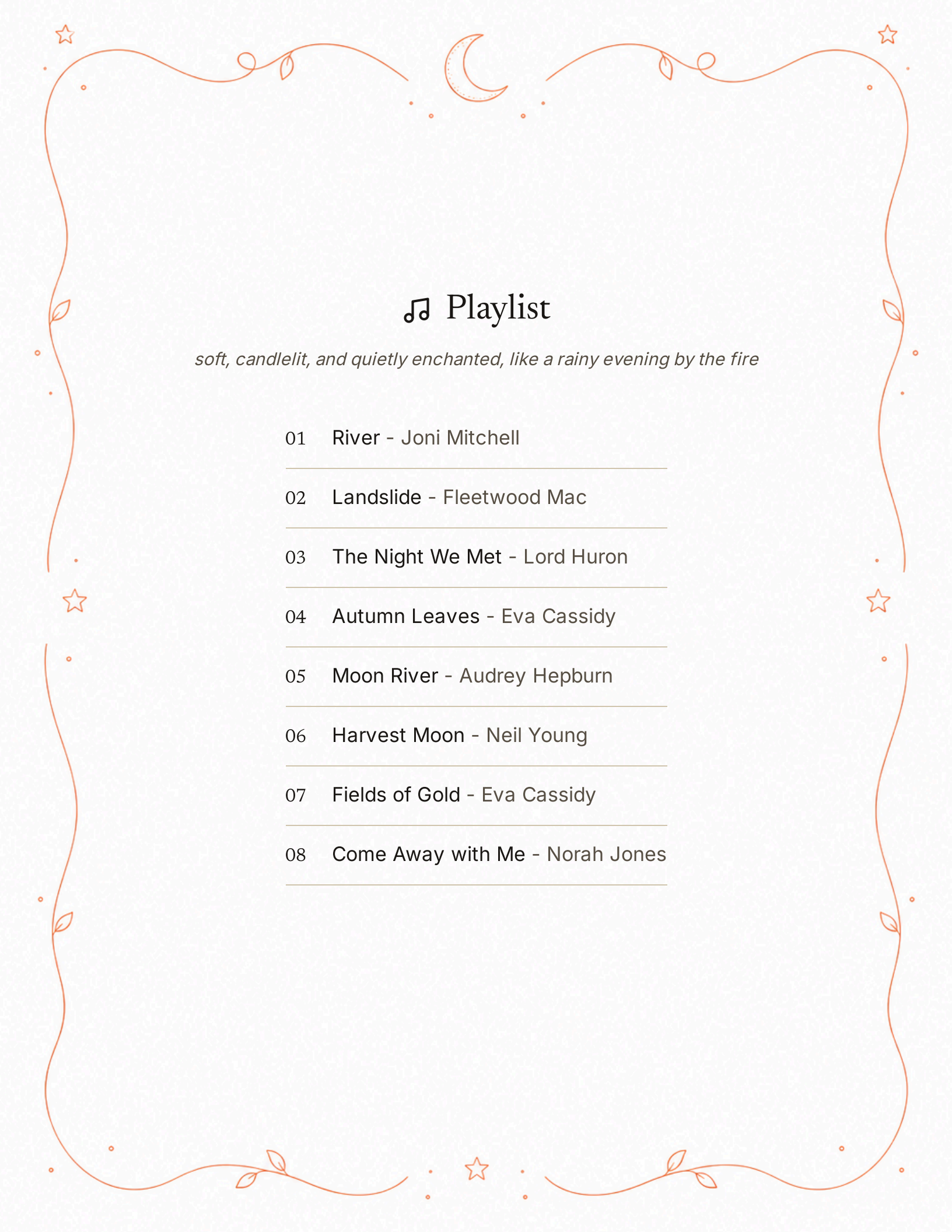


Run of show

7:00	Warm welcome Greet everyone with mulled cider and let the kettle sing while people settle into cozy seats
7:20	Gentle warm-up Share the two warm-up questions over the first round of shortbread, no pressure to go deep yet
7:40	Into the story Move through the theme questions, keeping the tone soft and inviting
8:15	Dessert break Serve the warm crumble and let side conversations bloom before the deeper questions
8:35	Heart of it Ease into the two deep questions, letting quiet moments sit comfortably
9:00	Trivia and scorecards Wind down with light trivia and fill in scorecards while the tea steeps one more time

HOST TIPS

- Keep the lighting low and warm with candles or lamps so the room feels like a hearth
- Let silences breathe; cozy nights thrive on unhurried pauses, not rapid-fire answers
- Offer blankets or soft seating and remind guests there are no wrong answers tonight



♪ Playlist

soft, candlelit, and quietly enchanted, like a rainy evening by the fire

01 River - Joni Mitchell

02 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

03 The Night We Met - Lord Huron

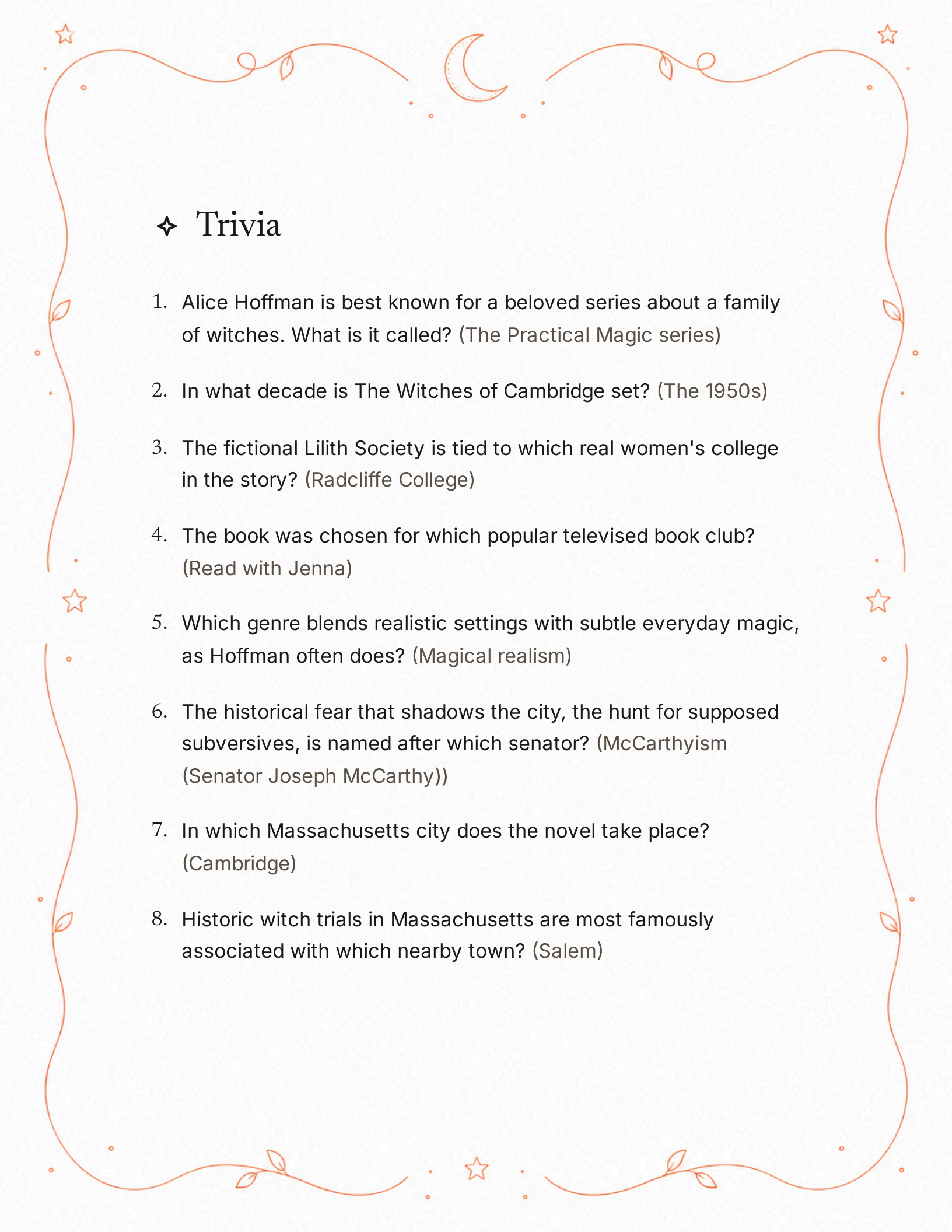
04 Autumn Leaves - Eva Cassidy

05 Moon River - Audrey Hepburn

06 Harvest Moon - Neil Young

07 Fields of Gold - Eva Cassidy

08 Come Away with Me - Norah Jones

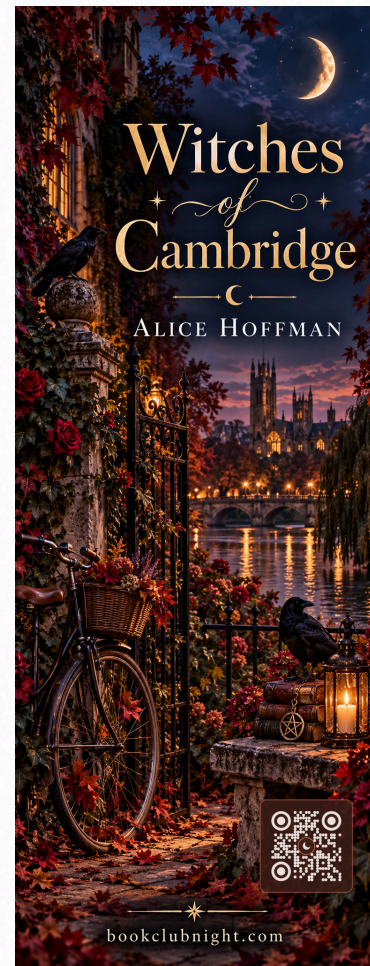
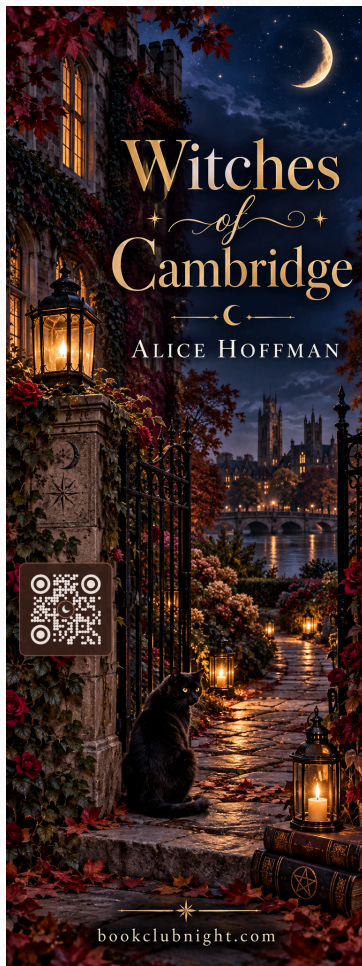


✧ Trivia

1. Alice Hoffman is best known for a beloved series about a family of witches. What is it called? (The Practical Magic series)
2. In what decade is The Witches of Cambridge set? (The 1950s)
3. The fictional Lilith Society is tied to which real women's college in the story? (Radcliffe College)
4. The book was chosen for which popular televised book club? (Read with Jenna)
5. Which genre blends realistic settings with subtle everyday magic, as Hoffman often does? (Magical realism)
6. The historical fear that shadows the city, the hunt for supposed subversives, is named after which senator? (McCarthyism (Senator Joseph McCarthy))
7. In which Massachusetts city does the novel take place? (Cambridge)
8. Historic witch trials in Massachusetts are most famously associated with which nearby town? (Salem)

📖 Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Coziness

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

How it moved me

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Warmth of friendships

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Sense of place

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Magic and wonder

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

The scene I would most want to curl up inside: _____

Who 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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