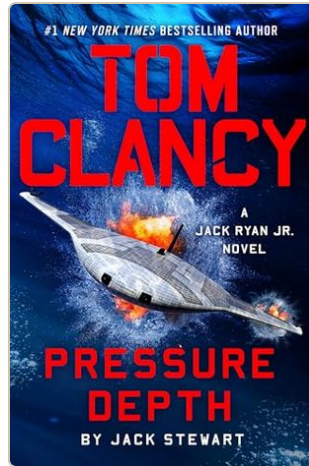


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Tom Clancy: Pressure Depth

Jack Stewart

🌙 COZY NIGHT

A routine mission turns into the discovery of a weapon nobody has seen before, and it makes for a great fireside read that has everyone talking over mugs of cocoa. It's the 15th Jack Ryan Jr. adventure, so it's familiar company for longtime Clancy fans, and it works just as well as a first taste for newcomers who want a thriller with heart.

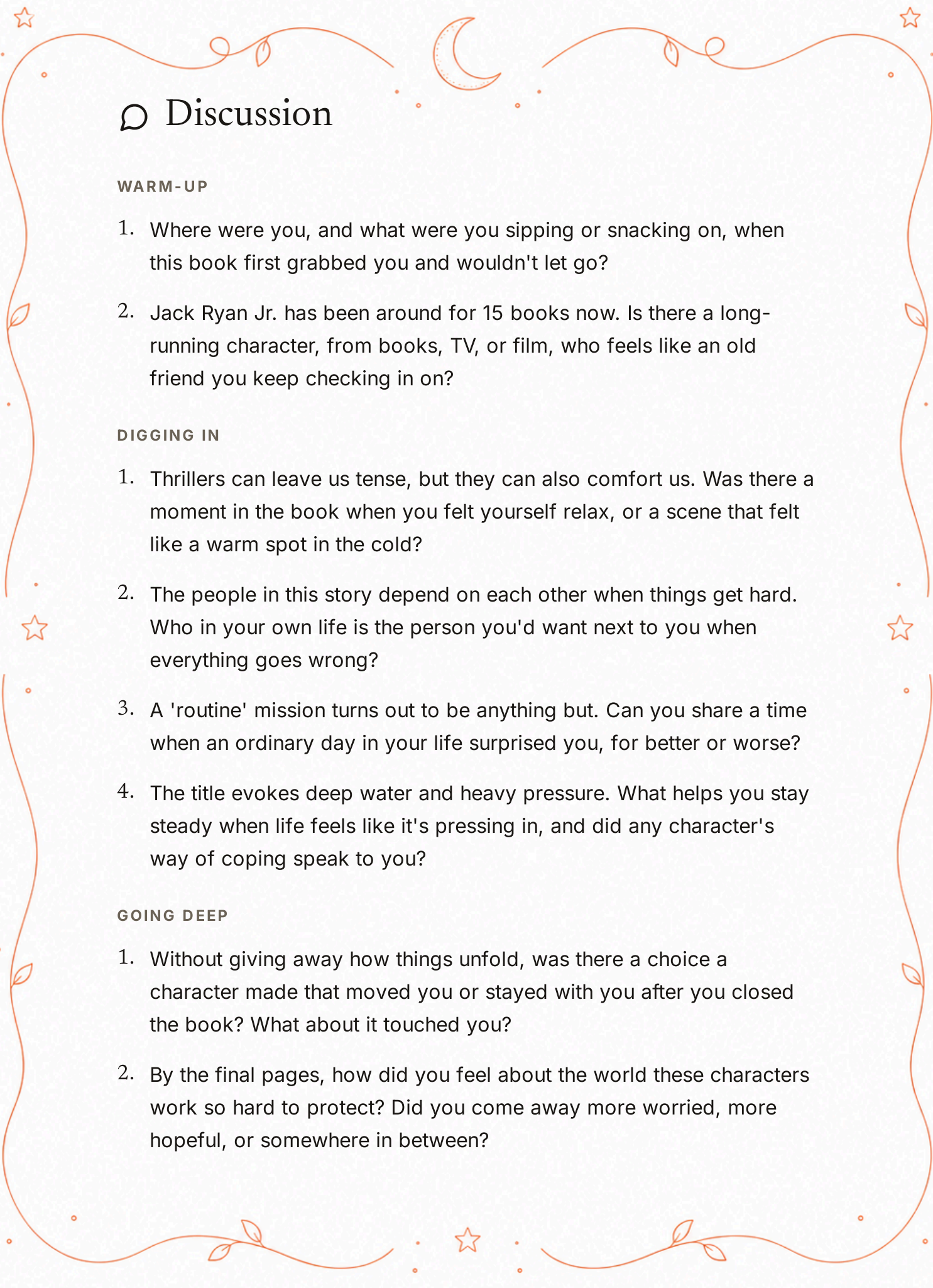
Come In From the Cold: A Deep-Water Book Night

Bring your coziest sweater and your copy of Pressure Depth. We'll have warm soup, hot cocoa, and good company, and we'll talk about the book that kept us up past bedtime.

Reading level: Moderate

Best for: Friendly clubs that like a gripping story but would rather talk about how it felt than argue over tactics





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Where were you, and what were you sipping or snacking on, when this book first grabbed you and wouldn't let go?
2. Jack Ryan Jr. has been around for 15 books now. Is there a long-running character, from books, TV, or film, who feels like an old friend you keep checking in on?

DIGGING IN

1. Thrillers can leave us tense, but they can also comfort us. Was there a moment in the book when you felt yourself relax, or a scene that felt like a warm spot in the cold?
2. The people in this story depend on each other when things get hard. Who in your own life is the person you'd want next to you when everything goes wrong?
3. A 'routine' mission turns out to be anything but. Can you share a time when an ordinary day in your life surprised you, for better or worse?
4. The title evokes deep water and heavy pressure. What helps you stay steady when life feels like it's pressing in, and did any character's way of coping speak to you?

GOING DEEP

1. Without giving away how things unfold, was there a choice a character made that moved you or stayed with you after you closed the book? What about it touched you?
2. By the final pages, how did you feel about the world these characters work so hard to protect? Did you come away more worried, more hopeful, or somewhere in between?

☺ On the table & to sip

TO EAT

☺ **Navy Bean and Ham Soup**

Navy beans are right there in the name, and a big pot of this slow-simmered soup is as warm and filling as you can get. Make it ahead and keep it warm on the stove so guests can serve themselves.

☺ **Galley-Style Cinnamon Rolls**

Warm cinnamon rolls are a classic treat from ship galleys. Store-bought dough is fine, just add extra cinnamon and a thick layer of icing so they feel homemade.

☺ **Skillet Cornbread with Honey Butter**

Simple, hearty food that could feed a crew, baked in one pan. It goes with the soup and fills the room with a lovely smell.

TO SIP

☺ **Midwatch Cocoa (no alcohol)**

Inspired by the thick hot chocolate sailors drink to stay warm on night watches. Make it rich, with whipped cream and a pinch of sea salt on top.

☺ **Hot Buttered Rum**

A nod to the old naval tradition of rum rations, turned into a warm, spiced mug to wrap your hands around.

☺ **Deep Water Irish Coffee**

Strong coffee for long shifts with a little whiskey and cream. It's dark on the bottom and soft on top, a lot like the title.



Run of show

7:00

Come Aboard

Greet everyone at the door with a mug of cocoa and point them to the blankets and comfy seats.

7:15

Galley Supper

Serve the soup and cornbread buffet-style and let people chat about anything while they settle in.

7:45

Warm-Up Round

Pass around the warm-up question cards so everyone shares a little something before the deeper talk.

8:05

Heart of the Story

Move on to the theme questions. Let the conversation wander and don't rush to the next card.

8:40

Sweet Intermission and Trivia

Bring out the warm cinnamon rolls and a second round of drinks, then play the trivia just for laughs, no scorekeeping.

9:00

Deep Water Talk and Scorecards

Wrap up with the deep questions, then fill out scorecards and hand out bookmarks as parting gifts.

HOST TIPS

- Put a 'no spoilers yet' candle on the table and light it when you reach the deep questions, a gentle signal that whole-book talk is now okay
- Keep a spare blanket and a pot of cocoa warm for latecomers so they feel welcome right away
- Some guests may not be thriller fans, so invite them to talk about the feelings and relationships and skip the military details



🎵 Playlist

Soft ocean-evening sounds, gentle and warm, with just a hint of deep-water mystery

- 01 Beyond the Sea - Bobby Darin

- 02 The Water Is Wide - James Taylor

- 03 (Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay - Otis Redding

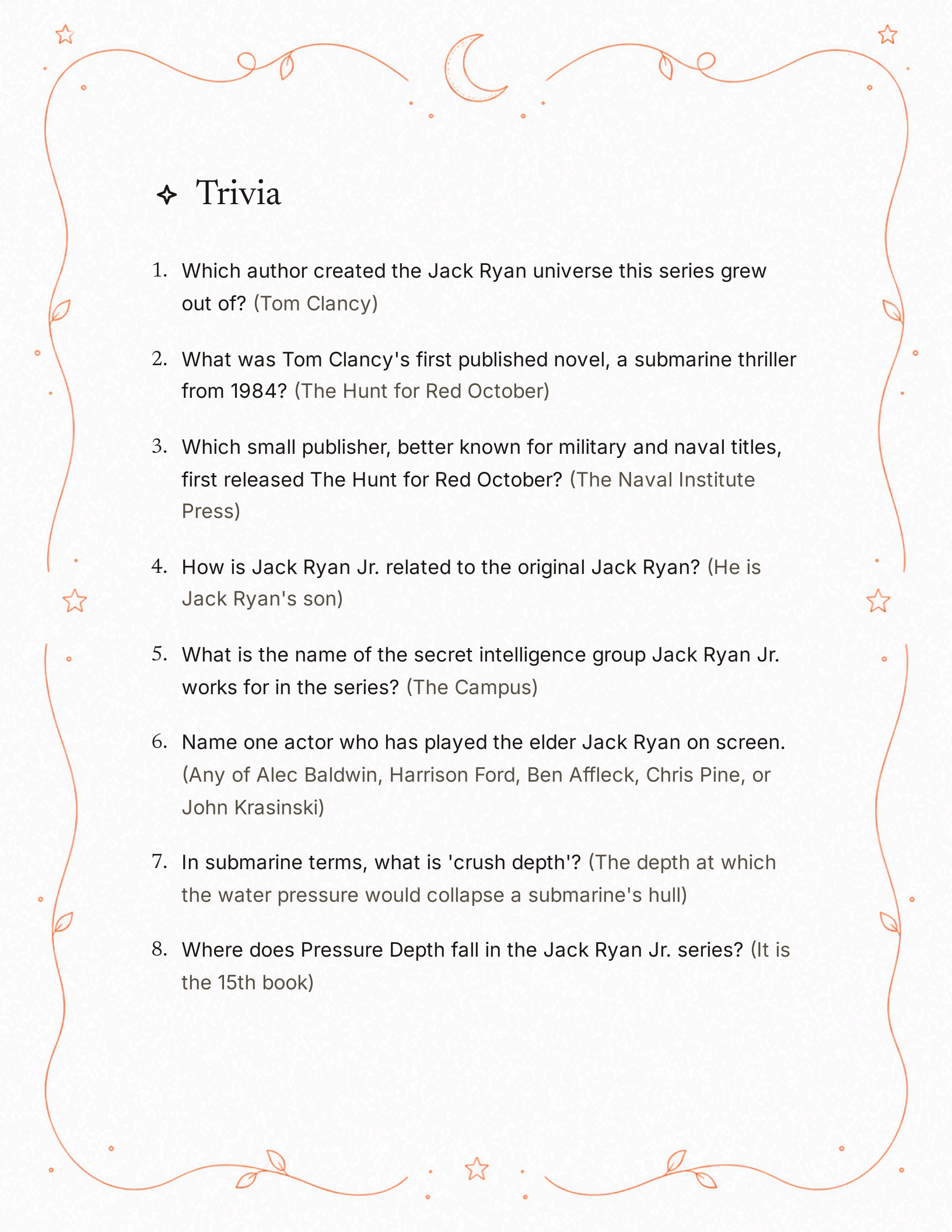
- 04 Brandy (You're a Fine Girl) - Looking Glass

- 05 Holocene - Bon Iver

- 06 Ocean Eyes - Billie Eilish

- 07 Hymn to Red October - Basil Poledouris

- 08 Time - Hans Zimmer

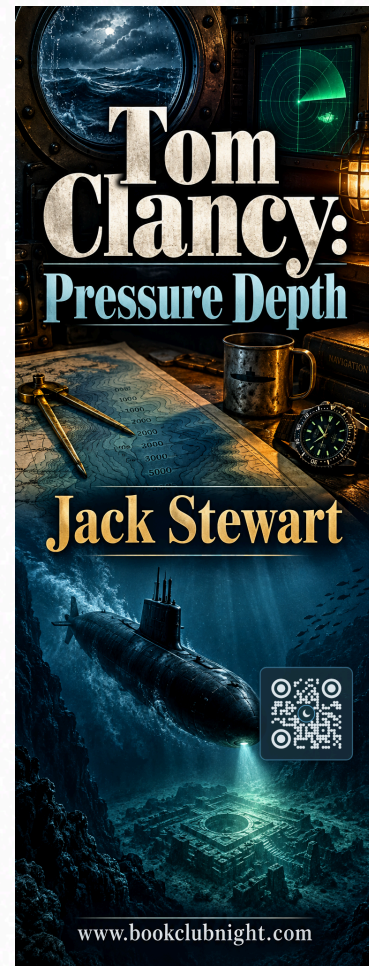
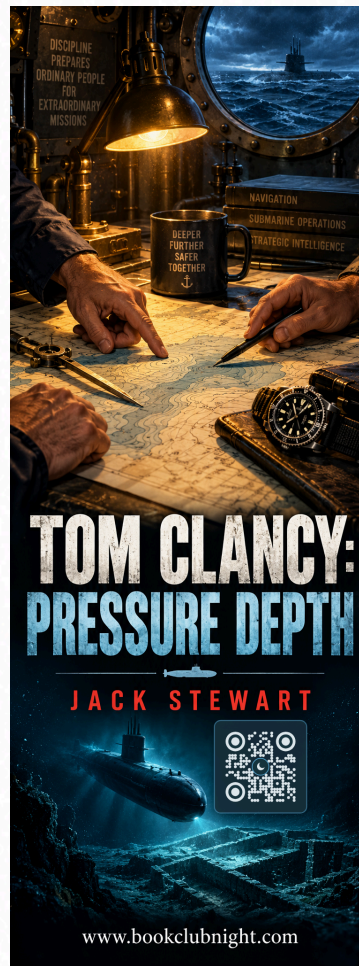
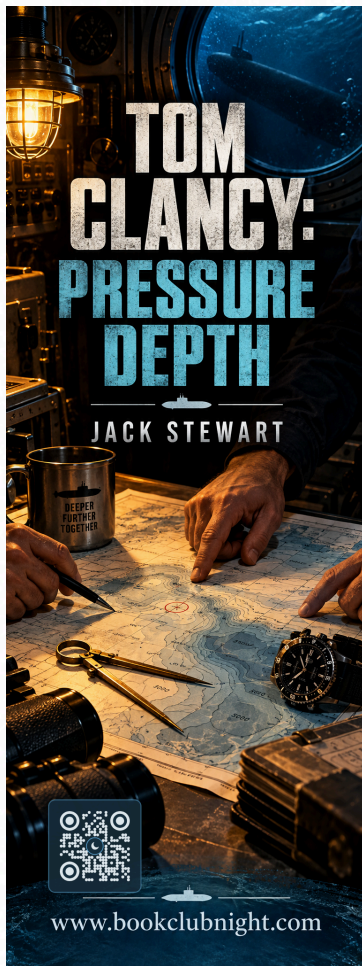


✧ Trivia

1. Which author created the Jack Ryan universe this series grew out of? (Tom Clancy)
2. What was Tom Clancy's first published novel, a submarine thriller from 1984? (The Hunt for Red October)
3. Which small publisher, better known for military and naval titles, first released The Hunt for Red October? (The Naval Institute Press)
4. How is Jack Ryan Jr. related to the original Jack Ryan? (He is Jack Ryan's son)
5. What is the name of the secret intelligence group Jack Ryan Jr. works for in the series? (The Campus)
6. Name one actor who has played the elder Jack Ryan on screen. (Any of Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford, Ben Affleck, Chris Pine, or John Krasinski)
7. In submarine terms, what is 'crush depth'? (The depth at which the water pressure would collapse a submarine's hull)
8. Where does Pressure Depth fall in the Jack Ryan Jr. series? (It is the 15th book)

📖 Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Couldn't-Put-It-Down Factor ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Characters I'd Trust ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Heart and Warmth ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Edge-of-My-Blanket Tension ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Cozy Reread Potential ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

The moment I held my breath: _____

This book felt like a mug of: _____

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.



Plan your own book club night

Scan the code or visit **bookclubnight.com**

Book Club Night