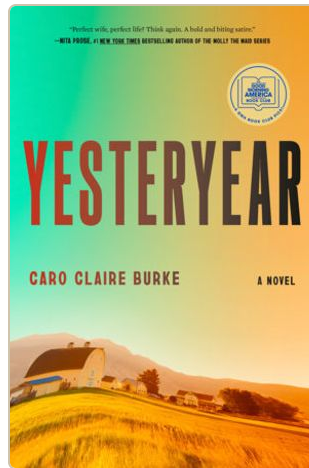


BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



Yesteryear

Caro Claire Burke

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Caro Claire Burke's *Yesteryear* is a tender, atmospheric novel about memory, longing, and the way the past quietly shapes who we become, perfect for a slow, conversation-rich evening.

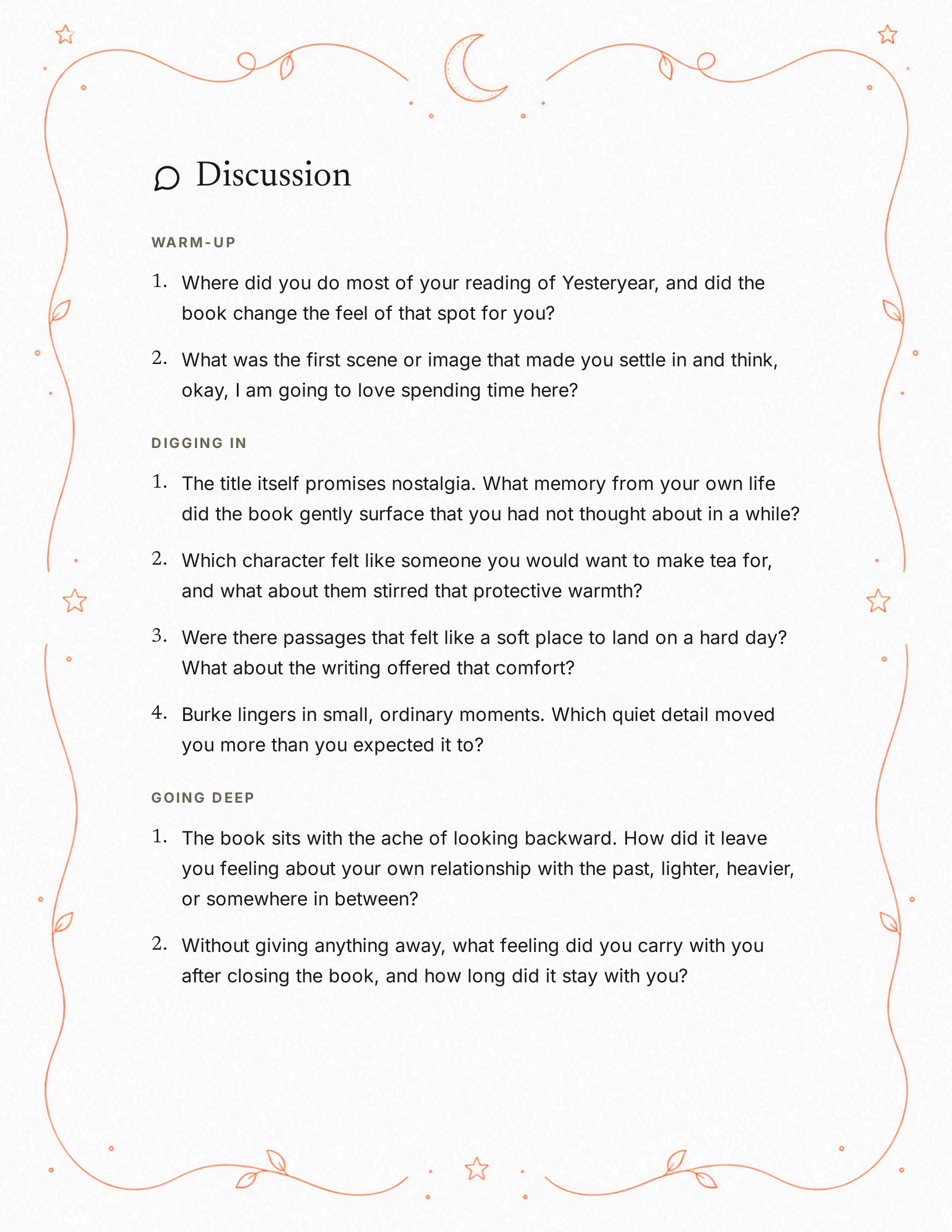
An Evening of Yesteryear

Bring your softest sweater and your favorite memory. We are gathering for warm bowls, warmer drinks, and a gentle conversation about Caro Claire Burke's *Yesteryear*.

Reading level: Moderate **Pages:** 391

Best for: A close-knit club that loves quiet, feelings-first conversations and lingering after the discussion ends





Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Where did you do most of your reading of Yesteryear, and did the book change the feel of that spot for you?
2. What was the first scene or image that made you settle in and think, okay, I am going to love spending time here?

DIGGING IN

1. The title itself promises nostalgia. What memory from your own life did the book gently surface that you had not thought about in a while?
2. Which character felt like someone you would want to make tea for, and what about them stirred that protective warmth?
3. Were there passages that felt like a soft place to land on a hard day? What about the writing offered that comfort?
4. Burke lingers in small, ordinary moments. Which quiet detail moved you more than you expected it to?

GOING DEEP

1. The book sits with the ache of looking backward. How did it leave you feeling about your own relationship with the past, lighter, heavier, or somewhere in between?
2. Without giving anything away, what feeling did you carry with you after closing the book, and how long did it stay with you?



🍵 On the table & to sip

TO EAT

- 🍲 **Slow-simmered chicken and dumplings**
Pure comfort in a bowl, echoing the book's tender, looking-back warmth
- 🍪 **Buttered shortbread and jam thumbprints**
Honey, grandmotherly sweets that feel like a memory you can taste
- 🍽️ **Warm apple crumble with vanilla ice cream**
Nostalgic dessert that says stay a little longer, have another bowl

TO SIP

- 🍵 **Honey chamomile tea with lemon (no alcohol)**
Soothing, golden, and perfect for slow conversation
- 🍵 **Spiced mulled cider (no alcohol)**
Cinnamon and clove for that wrapped-in-a-blanket feeling
- 🍸 **Bourbon hot toddy**
A gentle nightcap for the wistful mood the book leaves behind

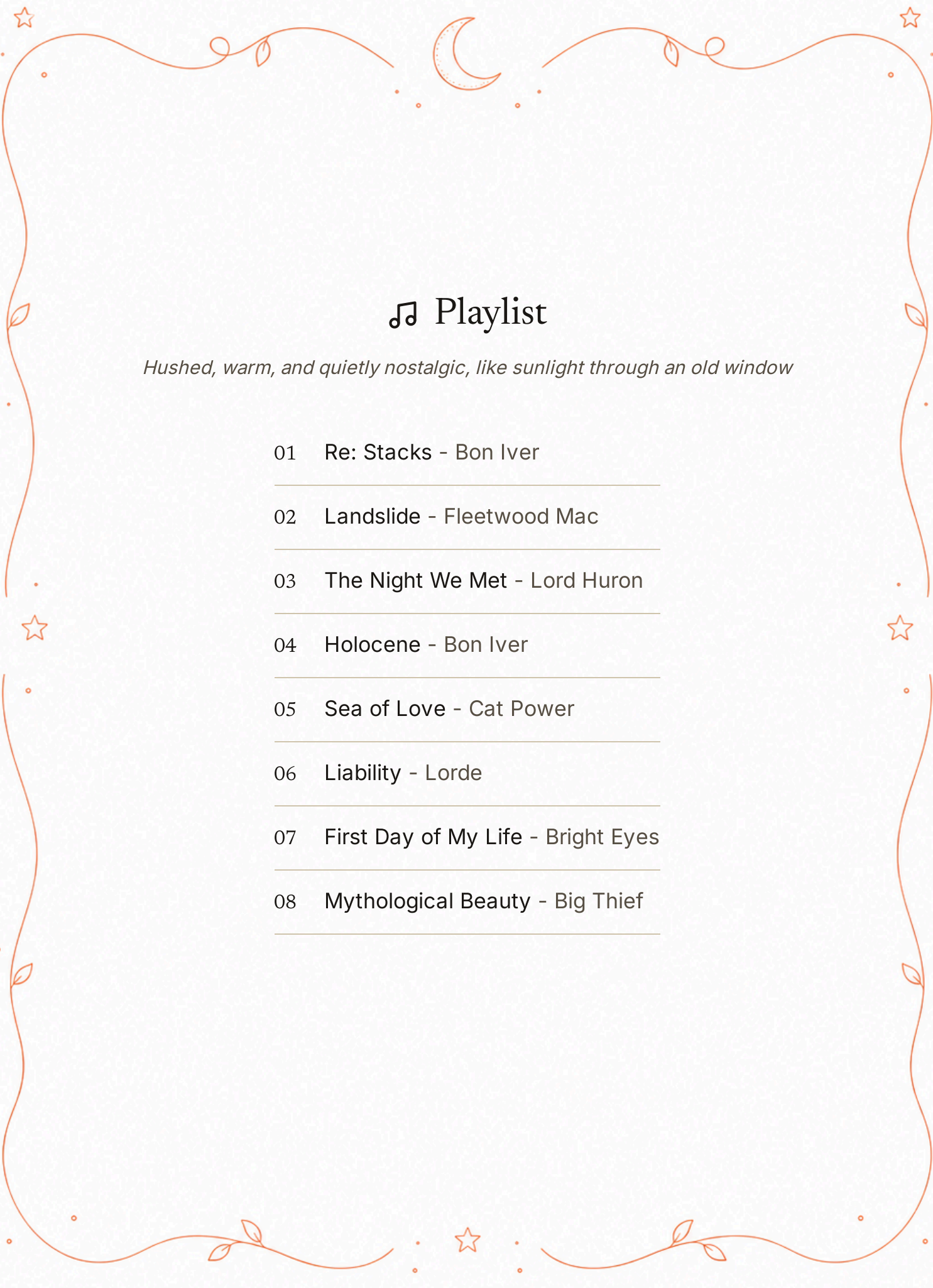


Run of show

7:00	Soft arrivals Greet guests with a warm mug in hand and let everyone settle into blankets and floor cushions
7:20	Comfort food spread Serve the chicken and dumplings family-style so people pass bowls and chat
7:45	Warm-up circle Open with the two warm-up questions, no pressure, just easing in
8:05	Heart of the conversation Move through the theme questions slowly, pausing for tangents and memories
8:45	Dessert and deeper waters Bring out the crumble and tea, then drift into the deep questions
9:15	Linger and lights low Scorecards, bookmarks to take home, and music while folks chat as long as they like

HOST TIPS

- Keep the lighting soft, lamps and candles only, so the room feels held
- Have extra blankets and slippers by the door so guests can truly settle in
- Let silences breathe, this book invites pauses and they are part of the magic



♪ Playlist

Hushed, warm, and quietly nostalgic, like sunlight through an old window

01 Re: Stacks - Bon Iver

02 Landslide - Fleetwood Mac

03 The Night We Met - Lord Huron

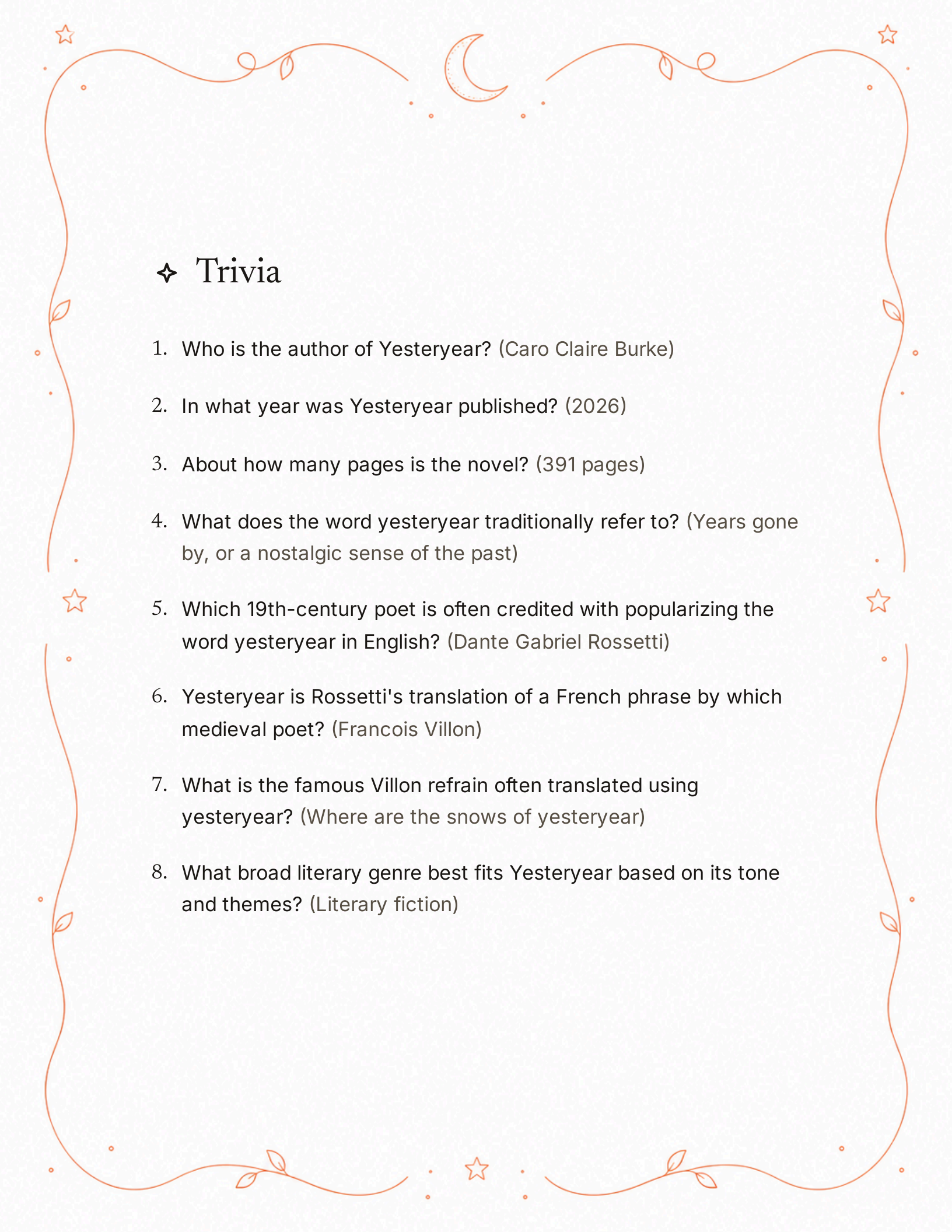
04 Holocene - Bon Iver

05 Sea of Love - Cat Power

06 Liability - Lorde

07 First Day of My Life - Bright Eyes

08 Mythological Beauty - Big Thief

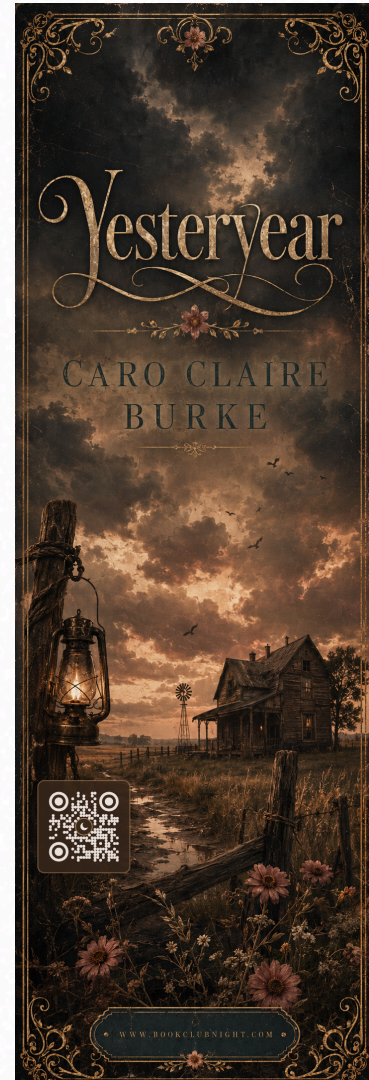
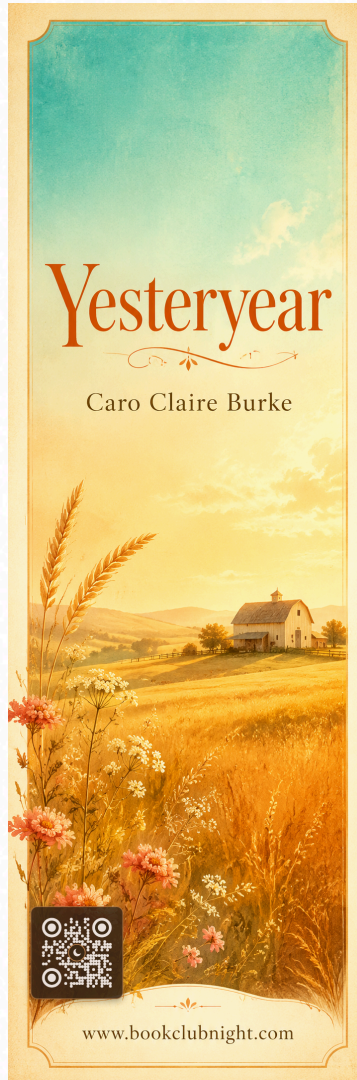


✧ Trivia

1. Who is the author of Yesteryear? (Caro Claire Burke)
2. In what year was Yesteryear published? (2026)
3. About how many pages is the novel? (391 pages)
4. What does the word yesteryear traditionally refer to? (Years gone by, or a nostalgic sense of the past)
5. Which 19th-century poet is often credited with popularizing the word yesteryear in English? (Dante Gabriel Rossetti)
6. Yesteryear is Rossetti's translation of a French phrase by which medieval poet? (Francois Villon)
7. What is the famous Villon refrain often translated using yesteryear? (Where are the snows of yesteryear)
8. What broad literary genre best fits Yesteryear based on its tone and themes? (Literary fiction)

📖 Bookmarks

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



☆ Rate the book

Coziness

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Emotional warmth

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Characters you wanted to hug

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Sentences worth rereading

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Lingering afterglow

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One feeling this book left me with: _____

A scene I will think about next time it rains: _____

Who I would gift 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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