

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store

Cut along the dashed lines and pass the cards around the table.

WARM-UP

1

Settle in with your drink and tell us: what was the first scene that made you feel cozy or at home in this book?

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2

If you could pop into Chicken Hill for an afternoon, which character would you most want to share a slice of pie with, and what would you talk about?

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DISCUSSION

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The grocery store is a gathering place. Where in your own life have you found a 'Heaven and Earth' spot, a place where people just take care of each other?

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Which small act of kindness in the story stayed with you the longest, and why do you think it landed so softly?

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McBride writes neighbors who look out for one another across all kinds of differences. What did reading those moments feel like, and did any of them remind you of people in your own life?

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Food, music, and gossip move through these pages constantly. Which sensory detail comforted you the most as a reader?

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DEEP

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There is a lot of quiet grief tucked inside the warmth of this book. How did McBride hold both at once for you, and how did that mix sit with you when you closed the cover?

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DEEP

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By the end, what did this story leave you feeling about community and what we owe each other? Did any part of it gently shift how you want to show up for the people around you?

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