

Highest Bidder

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Book Discussion Resource Page

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Welcome to our spicy book club resource page, where we turn the page to a whole new chapter of fun! Get ready to dive into a world of plot twists and character arcs as we leaf through our current book selection. We've provided the Dirty Dozen; twelve spicy and intriguing questions to spark discussion and help you uncover the spine-tingling depths of the story.

The Dirty Dozen

Foreplay - Warm Up Questions

1. What's the overall spice level? 1 (Not Spicy) - 10 (Spiciest Thing I've Ever Read)?
2. How does the spice level compare to the other books we've read together?
3. Daisy gives a classic book lover answer when asked her favorite—listing genres, moods, and categories instead of one title. What's your "comfort book" and why? Would it tell a potential lover something important about you?

The Spicy Bits - Gettin' Down and Dirty with the Plot

4. Ronan wrestles with whether he's "overreacting" by wanting to protect Daisy from van life. Did his protective streak come off as caring, controlling, or something in between? Where's the line between gallant and overbearing?
5. He literally throws her over his shoulder at one point. Dominant moves like this can be hot—or humiliating. Did this moment work for you as a reader? Would you rather throw or be thrown?
6. What's the most deliciously reckless decision either character makes in the book? Did it heighten the tension or feel like a red flag?
7. *"I've stopped seeing his age... I just see him."* How well did the book explore the age gap between Daisy and Ronan? Did it feel authentic and romantic, or like wish fulfillment?
8. Daisy explores a kink that includes calling Ronan "Daddy"—not because of their history, but as a way to meet an emotional and physical need they both share. How

did this dynamic land for you—as intimate, edgy, or something else entirely? (All perspectives welcome—let’s keep it respectful and open-minded.)

9. Daisy admits Madame Kink intimidates her, and she doesn’t feel worthy of that level of confidence. Have you ever been around someone like that—someone who seems to own their power? How did the book handle themes of self-worth and comparison?

10. Daisy realizes she loves Ronan—deeply, not just lustfully—after what feels like a very short time. Is that believable in their context? Can love that fast be real, or is it just a product of intense circumstances?

11. *“Maybe that’s what love is—feeling unworthy and astonished…”* This line hit hard. Have you ever experienced a love that felt this overwhelming, like you had to rise to deserve it? Or does that idea sound exhausting?

Aftercare - Final Thoughts

12. The final rule—Big risk, big reward—ties into Daisy’s healing journey. She commits to not faking recovery. What did you think of the way the story tackled trauma and personal growth? Did it feel earned?

Bonus: What questions do you have for the author? If you could dog-ear a page with a question for the author, what would it be?

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