

The Strawberry Patch Pancake House

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Book Discussion Resource Page

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. Whew! Archer is thrown straight into the fire when he learns the truth about Olive. Have you ever had a life-altering moment that shifted your entire trajectory in one breath?

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

4. Cate kept Olive's existence from Archer. Even if her reasoning came from love, was it an unforgivable betrayal—or a mother's right to protect her child?
5. Iris calls herself "*curlicues, not straight lines.*" Do you see yourself as the messy, winding type, or do you crave neatness and order? How does that play out in your own relationships?
6. The town's pushback against pancakes feels stubborn and a little absurd. Is it really about flapjacks, or about the deeper fear of change and losing tradition?
7. Iris learned from her mother that "*romantic love is fleeting, but sex is fun while it lasts.*" Do you agree, or do you think she was sold a lie? What lessons (good or toxic) did you inherit from your own parents about love?
8. Everyone has a dream pancake, so what's yours? Are you a plain-stack-with-syrup person, or do you want decadent, over-the-top creations that melt into indulgence? And if your favorite thing to top is your partner, what toppings would you choose for a perfect sweet treat?

9. Who really changed Archer: Olive, by grounding him in fatherhood, or Iris, by tempting him with a messy, beautiful new life? Or was it both, in different ways?

10. Let's talk tropes: kids in romance can divide readers. Do you love the single dad angle? Does nanny-meets-dad work for you, or does it feel tired? And, be honest, do you secretly like the breeding-kink energy that sometimes sneaks in?

11. Do you think Iris was right to leave like she did? Or could it have hurt Olive even more after the loss of her mom?

Aftercare - Final Thoughts

12. That ending - turning the diner into a pancake house where everyone has their own signature dish. Did it feel like a sweet resolution, or a too-neat bow? What did it symbolize to you about community and chosen family?

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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