

The Cinnamon Bun Book Shop by Laurie Gilmore

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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. Has leading up to a big birthday ever made you stop and question your life choices or even who you are at your core?

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

4. Would you have followed the clues in the scavenger hunt, or would you have thought it was too risky to bother?
5. Could you see yourself agreeing to just a summer fling, especially with someone who's got a bit of a reputation like Noah, or are you ride-or-die only?
6. Would you have tried to piece together the mystery of the clue leaver, or just gone along for the ride? Any early guesses you were sure about?
7. Be honest, have you ever had sex outside? On the beach? How did it compare to the fantasy versions in books like this one?
8. What similarities did you pick up on between how Noah and Hazel talk about themselves? Did either of them remind you of the way you've talked yourself down (or up) before?
9. How do you feel about sharing things publicly in a town meeting setting; good communication or awkward as hell?

10. Hazel set the “just for fun” rules, but Noah had been catching feelings for ages; who should’ve been the one to say they wanted more first?

11. Did Hazel’s realization in that supply closet - that she didn’t need to change her life, just how she saw herself - hit home for you at all? Have you ever had a moment like that where you suddenly felt powerful in your own skin?

Aftercare - Final Thoughts

12. How did you feel about Hazel and Noah eloping; was it spontaneous and romantic, or did it feel like they cut out people who mattered?

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?

Feel free to use this page as a starting point for your discussions and as a space to share your thoughts and insights about the book! Don't forget to bookmark this page for future book club adventures!