

The Gingerbread Bakery

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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. Annie believed everyone should have a passion in life. What's yours, and do you think it's changed over time, or have you always known what lights you up?

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

4. This book read very differently than the four previous stories. How did you feel about the book switching between "then" and "now"? Did it make the tension and emotional connection between Mac and Annie stronger, or just drag out the inevitable?
5. Could you have casually shown up after a sleepover with someone at 19 years old and strolled into your mom's kitchen like Annie did, or would your mom have lost her mind (or thrown your poor partner out herself)?
6. Mac's mom made sure "everyone was having fun." Did your own parental sex talk include anything remotely as open or positive, or was it the awkward "don't get pregnant" kind?
7. Annie was still furious with Mac but didn't turn down his offer to go down on her. Could you separate anger from desire like that, or would you need the argument settled before anything below the belt happens?
8. What do you think of Mac and Annie's supposed betrayals? Were they worth 11 years of heartbreak, or should one of them have broken the silence far sooner?

9. Should Mac really be held accountable for a choice he made at 19, or do we cut people slack for the dumb, impulsive things we all did at that age?

10. How do you feel about taking a gap year to travel before settling into real life—valuable experience, or just an excuse to avoid growing up?

11. Estelle and Dot vanishing the day before the wedding; was that chaos a cute rom-com plot move or thoughtless nonsense? Do you think traditions like “something borrowed, something blue” actually matter in a modern love story?

Aftercare - Final Thoughts

12. How did Mac and Annie’s happily ever after land for you? Was the payoff worth the long wait—or would you have forgiven him the second you saw kittens in his pockets?

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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