

A Summer to Remember

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Frankie's connection to her mother through The Memory Shop inform the decision she makes to find out more about her mother's past? Do you think if they didn't own the store together, she would have made the same decision to go to Cape Cod?
2. What do you think Russ's top responsibilities are as the town doctor? Do you think he upholds them throughout the book?
3. Explore the theme of finding your home in the novel. Glory tried to make Cape Cod feel like home, but never could. Maeve had a home there, but left it. Frankie grew up without a drawer to fill, and found her place by the end of the novel. Do you think home is a place, or people? Have you ever felt at home in a place that isn't where you live? Have you ever felt out of place where you consider your home to be?
4. Louise has the most objective take on everyone's personalities in the novel. Would you have disliked Mitch from the start? Befriended Glory? Held a grudge against Maeve?
5. Put yourself in Glory's shoes. Would you have given up your career to go back to your husband's hometown? Would you have ever tried to go back to Hollywood?
6. Fast forward five years from now. What does Gabe and Frankie's relationship look like? Louise and Russ's? Has the festival changed in any way?
7. Louise wants children and can't have them, whereas Glory adopts Gabe but struggles with the pressure of motherhood. How are they able to be there for each other, despite coming from two very different places in life? Do you think Louise and Russ being childless made it easier to adopt Gabe, or harder?



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8. Do you think Maeve betrayed her found family in Cape Cod? Did she make the right decision to leave? What would you have done?
9. The past events in this novel very much affect the present. Has anything happened in the past that has had a big affect on your life? Why do you think the ripple effect of events is so strong in this book?
10. At the start of the novel, where did you think it was going? Did that expectation or prediction change when Frankie arrived in Cape Cod? When Louise and Glory meet? When Maeve is hired?
11. Feeling at peace is important to Glory. In her final moments, do you think she was able to feel this?

