

FREE STARTER • ANY NARRATIVE BOOK

Book Club, Ready to Meet



Everything for one friendly 30-minute meeting: a simple plan, a spoiler line, a few ground rules and twelve original discussion cards.

4

PAGES

12

CARDS

30

MINUTE PLAN

WHAT'S INSIDE

- 30-minute meeting plan
- Spoiler line
- Ground rules
- Twelve discussion cards

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Your First Meeting in 30 Minutes



One plan, one spoiler line, a few rules — then pick a card

STAGE	MIN	WHAT THE HOST DOES
Welcome and spoiler line	3	Read the line aloud before anyone talks about the book.
Opening round	7	One sentence each, or pass.
Two cards	15	Start with a spoiler-safe card if anyone is mid-book.
Next book and close	5	Confirm title, reading line, date and host.

THE SPOILER LINE

TONIGHT WE DISCUSS UP TO

☐ Whole book

☐ Through chapter or page ____

☐ Through part ____

☐ Other: ____

Later-series or adaptation spoilers:

☐ Allowed

☐ Not tonight

GROUND RULES

- Pass any time — no reason needed.
- Write first, then speak, if you prefer.
- Point to a scene; quote only a line or two.
- Disagree with the reading, not the reader.
- Personal stories stay in the room.

Opening round: One sentence or pass: name one scene, detail, or question you want the group to return to.

Choosing cards: start with a spoiler-safe card, then a Readers card. Save Deeper cards for when the group has warmed up. Skip any card that does not fit your book.

NEXT TIME

NEXT BOOK

READING LINE

DATE AND TIME

HOST

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Discussion Cards 1–6

Cut apart; choose two for a 30-minute meeting



FS-1 • FREE STARTER

READERS

OPENING IMAGE

Which scene has stayed with you, and what detail made it memorable?

FOLLOW-UP

Invite a different scene before comparing.



FS-2 • FREE STARTER

READERS

A CHOICE

Which choice changed the story most? What did the character know at that moment?

FOLLOW-UP

Separate hindsight from what the character knew.



FS-3 • FREE STARTER

READERS

A QUESTION

What question did the book leave open for you?

FOLLOW-UP

Ask whether the ambiguity feels deliberate.



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DEEPER

A SURPRISE

Where did your expectation change, and what earlier clue looks different now?

FOLLOW-UP

Name the earlier clue, not just the twist.



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READERS

A RELATIONSHIP

Which relationship changed, even quietly?

FOLLOW-UP

Look for one early and one late moment.



FS-6 • FREE STARTER

READERS

A PLACE

How did a setting influence a decision rather than merely decorate a scene?

FOLLOW-UP

Imagine the scene in a different place.



Discussion Cards 7–12

"Spoiler-safe" cards work before everyone finishes



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DEEPER

A LINE OF TENSION

What two values were in conflict for a character?

FOLLOW-UP

Let members name different values.



FS-8 • FREE STARTER

DEEPER

A RETURN

What might be worth noticing on a second reading?

FOLLOW-UP

Choose a concrete scene or recurring image.



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SPOILER-SAFE

THE TITLE

What did the title make you expect, and does the book so far fit it?

FOLLOW-UP

Answer from wherever you are in the book.



FS-10 • FREE STARTER

READERS

A WANT

What did one character want most, and what stood in the way?

FOLLOW-UP

Was the obstacle outside them or inside?



FS-11 • FREE STARTER

READERS

A SMALL MOMENT

Which small, quiet moment mattered more than it first seemed?

FOLLOW-UP

What would be lost if it were cut?



FS-12 • FREE STARTER

DEEPER

A DISAGREEMENT

Which moment do you expect this group to disagree about?

FOLLOW-UP

Say what you think before hearing others.

