



chapter chat

A BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTERS AND RELATIONSHIPS

1. What were your first impressions of Millie? How did she grow and change throughout the book?
2. Which of the four friends did you relate to most? Why?
3. Friendship is a core theme of the book. Who do you think has the strongest bonds?
4. How do you feel about Taylor as a romantic interest? Do his actions make him redeemable?
5. What makes Drew so appealing? Do you think Millie will ever be fully satisfied if she chooses him?
6. If you were Millie's friend, what advice would you give her?
7. Who do you think Millie should be with? Why?
8. Is Millie's connection to Taylor love, lust or just bad timing?

SETTING AND ATMOSPHERE

1. How does the contrast between Raleigh and Sunset Beach shape the story?
2. How did your opinion change of Drew and Taylor in Mary's hospital room?
3. How does the ocean mirror Millie's conflict?
4. What setting inspires you to be your best self?
5. If you could go anywhere, money not being an obstacle, where would you go? Who would you take?



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THEME AND SYMBOLISM

1. The book explores the idea of reinvention and second chances. Where do you see second chances play out?
2. How do flowers symbolize different moments in the character's stories? Would roses fit Drew's character? Would magnolias fit Taylor's?
3. The book also explores the meaning of home – do you think home is a place, a feeling, or the people in it?
4. What are your favorite symbols in the book?
5. Did moments like the puddle in front of the restaurant make Millie more relatable?
6. Drew represents stability and devotion – do you think Millie would have found that with Taylor?

YOUR THOUGHTS

1. If you were Millie, would you have said yes to Drew?
2. If you could swap lives with any character for a week, who would you be and why?
3. If there were no baby, do you think Taylor would have chosen Millie?
4. Do you think Millie and Drew have passion by the end of the book?
5. Did the book surprise you in any way?
6. Timing plays a big part in Millie's fate. Do you believe love is more about timing or fate?
7. The book ends on a cliffhanger when Taylor runs into Millie on the beach. What do you think happens next? What do you want to happen?
8. What do you hope to see in the next book in the series, Carolina Girls: Chesapeake Bay that focuses on Rory?
9. True or False: All's fair in love and war. Why?