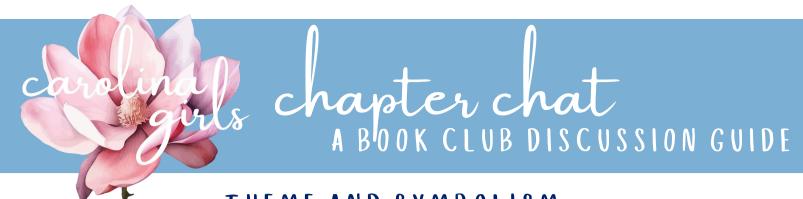


CHARACTERS AND RELATIONSHIPS

- 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?



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?