



# Book Club in a Bag

## Discussion Questions

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### *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

1. The Midnight Library is different for each person who enters it. What do you think your Midnight Library would be? And who would be there?
2. In the library, Nora learns that the life she gave her cat was one of the best he could have experienced. Are there any parts of your life that you feel could not be improved by living it differently?
3. In the world of the Midnight Library, the books take on the role of portals into alternate realities. Do you think the role books played in the Midnight Library is similar to the role they play in your own life?
4. Nora experiences a number of alternate lives in which she achieves a great deal of success in one area of her life at the expense of all the rest. Do you think it's possible to reach fame and fortune in a single field and still maintain balance with other areas of your life?
5. In her life before she finds herself in the Midnight Library, Nora gave up many of the pursuits that brought her joy because she didn't feel like she could be the best at them. Do you think that wanting to be the best at something can inhibit us from enjoying it?
6. As the story progresses, Nora finds herself in lives that she could be more satisfied with than others that proved more difficult. Do you think you would be able to live as an alternate version of yourself? Would you want to?
7. Over the course of the book, Nora lives a whole spectrum of lives, some for minutes and some for months, but only at the end does time actually pass, and by the time she wakes up in her root life it is one minute and twenty-seven seconds past midnight and her outlook on life has changed entirely. What do you think this says about the speed at which we decide things about our lives and ourselves? Does it take a lifetime or a just few seconds?

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# Author Biography

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Matt Haig is an author for children and adults. His memoir *Reasons to Stay Alive* was a number one bestseller, staying in the British top ten for 46 weeks. His novels include the award-winning *How to Stop Time*, *The Radleys*, *The Humans* and the number one bestseller *The Midnight Library*. He has sold over three million books worldwide.

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