



READING GROUP GUIDE



This reading group guide for **THE INCREDIBLE KINDNESS OF PAPER** includes an introduction, discussion questions, and ideas for enhancing your book club. The suggested questions are intended to help your reading group find new and interesting angles and topics for your discussion. We hope that these ideas will enrich your conversation and increase your enjoyment of the book.

INTRODUCTION

For fans of Matt Haig and Clare Pooley, an enchanting novel about a pair of long-lost childhood friends who find themselves magically linked through origami flowers as adults—from the *New York Times* bestselling author of the “tug-at-your-heartstrings winner” (Sarah Addison Allen, *New York Times* bestselling author) *The Hundred Loves of Juliet*.

TOPICS & QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Chloe loves the idea of serendipity, “that seemingly random things could change your life, if only you were open to them” (p. 42). What was your favorite moment of serendipity in the novel, and why?
2. The New York City setting influences Chloe and Oliver as characters and the atmosphere of the novel as a whole. How did the setting impact your experience of reading the book? Why do you think the author chose to set the story in New York?

3. Oliver keeps his true identity a secret from Chloe for quite some time. Do you agree with his decision to do so? Why does it make sense for his character to have behaved this way?
4. *The Incredible Kindness of Paper* features a rich cast of secondary characters. Who did you most enjoy spending time with, and why? How did they enhance the story, as well as Chloe and Oliver's character journeys?
5. If you could create a custom ice cream flavor based on the themes and emotions in the novel, what would it be and why?
6. Why do you think Chloe and Oliver are well-matched? What parts of their personalities compliment each other?
7. Do you tend to be optimistic like Chloe or skeptical like Oliver? Did your tendencies toward one or the other influence your experience of the characters? How might you incorporate more of Chloe's optimism into your life?
8. Oliver experienced significant trauma at a young age. What are the effects of his mother's deception and family's challenging circumstances on adult Oliver?
9. Which of the messages of kindness struck a chord with you, and why?

ENHANCE YOUR BOOK CLUB

1. As a book club, buy origami paper and watch a YouTube tutorial for folding paper roses. Write your own messages of kindness and leave the paper roses around your neighborhood.
2. Choose an episode of Evelyn's popular podcast, *Creative.Inspired.Alive*, with a guest author you're interested in, then read one of their books. Discuss how the podcast episode's conversation influenced your reading experience.
3. In the spirit of spreading kindness and optimism, research volunteer opportunities in your community and volunteer as a group.
4. Go to a local ice cream shop and order an ice cream cake to enjoy during your discussion, à la Chloe's birthday cakes!
5. Visit Evelyn Skye's website, evelynskye.com, for more information on the author and *The Incredible Kindness of Paper*.