



## Book Club in a Bag Discussion Questions

# *We All Live Here* by Jojo Moyes

- 1. Lila is humiliated when her marriage to Dan dissolves weeks after the publication of her bestseller, *The Rebuild*. Yet over the coming months, she finds courage to make changes in her life that she never thought she could. Have you ever had to face a significant challenge in your life that required that kind of leap?
- 2. Gene enters Lila's world uninvited, wreaking havoc on her vulnerable family. But with time, Lila and her daughters come to rely on his presence. How does his outsider's perspective help the family through their upheavals?
- 3. There are many depictions of female friendship throughout the novel. Celie goes through a painful break from her friend group but finds new friends with whom she can truly be herself; Lila finds steadfast loyalty and love from Eleanor and unlikely camaraderie in Jessie. Do you relate to any of these dynamics?
- 4. Lila's blended family ebbs and flows considerably over the course of the novel, contracting and expanding around Bill, Gene, Jensen, Penelope, and Dan. How do the unconventional parameters of Lila's family complicate her life? Where do they help ease her burdens, or her children's?
- 5. Lila realizes that writing candidly about her life means exposing the lives of people she cares about. Do you think she makes the right decision in canceling her book deal?
- 6. How do you understand Lila's falling under Gabriel's seemingly transparent spell while neglecting Jensen's genuine worth and appeal for a long time? What does Gabriel seem to offer in contrast to Jensen's steadfast friendship and, eventually, love?
- 7. At the end of the novel, Lila and her daughters set off to Dan's house to celebrate his baby's arrival and care for Marja. Do you feel Dan deserves this display of kindness? How does the theme of redemption play out between Dan and Lila? Bill and Gene?

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### **Author Biography**

Jojo Moyes is a novelist and screenwriter. Her books include the bestsellers *Me Before You, After You* and *Still Me, The One Plus One, The Giver of Stars, Someone Else's Shoes* and her short story collection *Paris for One and Other Stories*. Moyes's novels have been translated into forty-six languages, hit the number one spot in twelve countries, sold over fifty-seven million copies worldwide and been Reese Witherspoon and Richard and Judy Book Club picks. *Me Before You* has now sold over fifteen million copies worldwide and was adapted into a major film starring Sam Claflin and Emilia Clarke. Moyes is part of BBC Maestro's online platform of world-class experts with her course, Writing Love Stories.

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