



BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

LOVE & TIME

- Bob and Joy reunite after 67 years apart. What does their story suggest about whether love has an expiration date — or whether some connections simply wait?
- Society rarely celebrates romantic love among people in their 80s and 90s. Did reading this book challenge or confirm any of your own assumptions about love and age?
- What does it mean to choose love when you have so little time left — versus when you have (theoretically) decades ahead?
- How did Bob and Joy's reunion affect your view of love and second chances?
- What does the memoir suggest about starting over at any age?
- Which person in the memoir demonstrated the greatest courage?
- Why do you think readers are so drawn to reunion stories?

JOY AS SYMBOL AND PERSON

- The author was searching for joy in her own life at the same moment she was literally finding a woman named Joy for someone else. How did that irony land for you as a reader?
- Did Joy (the person) come to represent something larger in the narrative for you? Where did you see her name carrying double meaning?
- How did your definition of joy evolve throughout the memoir?

THE AUTHOR'S OWN JOURNEY

- Witnessing Bob and Joy's reunion while going through a painful divorce — how did the author's dual role (matchmaker and wounded person) shape the way she told this story?
- Were there moments where you felt the author's own longing most acutely? What triggered that for you as a reader?
- How did the search for someone else's happiness influence her own healing?
- Did watching two people find each other give the author hope, or did it sometimes make her own loss feel sharper? Did you sense both?

MEMORY, WAR, AND SURVIVAL

- Bob is a WWII veteran. How does his wartime history inform the way he approaches love, loss, and the time he has left?
- What does it mean to carry a memory of someone for 67 years? Is that devotion, or something more complicated?
- What assumptions do we make about love and possibility later in life?
- How did Bob and Joy challenge those assumptions?
- What does their story teach us about hope?

WHAT THE BOOK ASKS OF US

- Did this book make you think about anyone in your own life — a lost connection, an unfinished relationship, a love that was never fully expressed?
- The author found healing through someone else's joy. Have you ever experienced healing that came indirectly — through witnessing rather than receiving?
- If you were to write your own definition of joy after reading this book, what would it be?
- Which moment in the memoir felt most miraculous?
- What part of the story will stay with you longest?
- What does the title TELL ME ABOUT JOY mean to you after finishing the book?