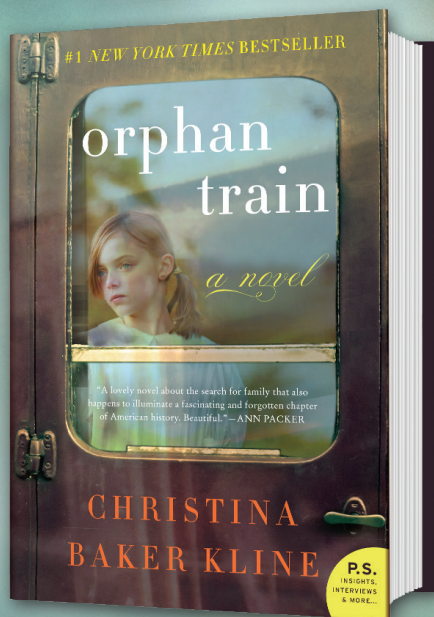


# Mother Daughter Book Club

Reading  
and discussing  
together

From basic plot discussion  
to sharing opinions and  
interpretations, everyone is  
encouraged to share  
what they really feel.

Answer these questions together,  
and remember, there are  
no right or wrong answers!



*Orphan Train Girl* focuses on Molly's point of view. Vivian's sections are told in third-person flashbacks. *Orphan Train* switched between Molly's and Vivian's points of view.

- On the surface, Vivian's and Molly's lives couldn't be more different, but in what ways are their stories similar?
- In what ways, large or small, does Molly have an impact on Vivian's life? How does Vivian have an impact on Molly's?
- The obstacles that Molly faces are relatable to kids from all walks of life. Have you ever felt misunderstood, not heard, or out of place because of your background? Do you know anyone else who has?
- In your view, was Vivian and Molly's relationship believable? In other words, if you identify with Vivian, could you see yourself forming a friendship with someone like Molly?
- These books highlight a little-known but historically significant moment in our country's past. Between 1854 and 1929, orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Discuss these hardships together and how the foster care system is different today.
- In the young readers' edition, the author shifted the emphasis to Molly's perspective and changed her age from seventeen to twelve, but the friendship between Vivian and Molly is still the backbone of the story. Why is this friendship so important?
- Where have bonds been formed in your life with individuals who appear so different on the outside, but with whom you share a similar experience?
- Do you think these books would make a good TV series or movie? Why or why not?
- Did you enjoy this book? Was it well written? Were the characters relatable?

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