

# HIT THE BOOK CLUB



Thanks for choosing *Dear Girls* for your book club pick, we know you're going to love it. Please note that some of the questions below may reveal important aspects of the plot, including the ending. We suggest you wait to review this guide until after you've finished the book. Enjoy!

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## HIT THE BOOK CLUB WITH *DEAR GIRLS* BY ALI WONG

1. In the preface, Ali shares that while writing the book, she was terrified of her "secret" coming out. Have you ever felt a similar pressure to know everything always? How does this theme carry throughout the entire book?
2. The book is written "to" her daughters. How do you think this impacted the book? Do you think you would ever be able to share such intimate details with your children?
3. In chapters two and three, Ali gets into the nitty gritty of giving birth. If you have gone through pregnancy yourself, how did you relate to her story? If you haven't yet, how did this raw truth make you feel about the subject?
4. Were you surprised when Ali discourages her daughters from getting into stand-up? Did you agree with her reasoning/logic?
5. Ali breaks down stereotypes of comedians and replaces them with the often downplayed realities. Were you surprised to hear the comedian life is much less glamorous than it appears to be?
6. Have you gotten the chance to travel or study abroad? How did your experience compare to Ali's?
7. In chapter 10, Ali dives into the pressures of being the "perfect mother" and how that impacted her in raising her daughters. If you're a mother, how did you relate to her experiences? If not, how do you think your own mother might relate to her tales?
8. Ali's relationship with her brother Andrew may be hilariously unique, but it also has traits present in our own sibling relationships. How is your relationship with your sibling(s) similar? How is it different?
9. The topic of "blatant honesty" is arguably the most central theme throughout the entire book. While you were reading, which actions shocked you the most? Would you ever feel comfortable to reveal your craziest adventures and sexual exploits to your daughters, let alone the world?
10. How is Ali similar to other comedians that you enjoy watching and/or reading about? If you've read another memoir like Tina Fey's or Amy Poehler's, how did this one compare?

