

It Ends With Us

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Book Club Questions

- Lily and Ryle's relationship evolves rapidly, leading to marriage within six months. Does the swiftness of their relationship have implications for its overall success? Can successful relationships genuinely develop quickly?
- At the initial encounter between Lily and Ryle, they share brutally honest revelations. Is there a certain vulnerability that comes with being completely open to someone you've just met? What might contribute to this dynamic?
- Did the settings of the book play a vital part in the story? Do you think the story would be affected if it took place in a different place?
- When Ryle pushes Lily for the first time, she rationalizes it despite her previous stance against such behavior. How would you have reacted in that moment? Put yourself in Lily's shoes.
- Lily's realization of her pregnancy prompts her decision to divorce Ryle. Why do we often tolerate things for ourselves that we find unacceptable for loved ones? How does this aspect of human behavior contribute to the novel's message?
- Which moments in the book did you think were the most heart-wrenching?
- Which scenes filled you with the most happiness or hope for the characters involved?
- Lily expresses her desire to start her store while she's still young enough to "overcome failure." Is failure truly more manageable during youth? Explain your perspective on this idea.
- When Ryle knocks on 29 doors to find Lily, did you think this came across as romantic? Or as something else?



- Alyssa, Ryle's sister and Lily's best friend, plays a significant role in the story. How does her loyalty to both protagonists influence the overall tone of the book? What does this dynamic add to the narrative?
- Explore Lily's internal journey in understanding her mother. How did this affect you as a reader? And what do you believe the author intended to convey through the way she depicted the relationship between Lily and her mother?
- Upon learning about Ryle's traumatic childhood with his deceased brother, does your perception of his character change? What do you think Colleen Hoover aimed to achieve by revealing this backstory?
- Lily's experiences with Atlas during high school shape her understanding that anyone can face hardships. How does this theme of resilience and adversity tie into the broader themes of the book?
- Atlas becomes a chef with his own restaurants. Why do you believe Colleen Hoover intentionally chose this particular profession for Atlas?
- Reflect on the quote: "It's easy when we're on the outside to believe that we would walk away without a second thought if a person mistreated us..." How does this quote resonate with you? Does it evoke anger, understanding, or contemplation?
- Do you plan to read the sequel to *It Ends With Us*?
- Has "*It Ends With Us*" sparked your interest in reading more of Colleen Hoover's novels, other than its sequel? If so, which aspects of her writing style or themes would you be curious to explore further?

