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What  
you  
are  
looking  
for  
is in  
the  
library

Discussion  
Guide

A Novel

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# Discussion Questions

1. How does the concept of a librarian being able to sense what each visitor is searching for impact the story? How does it contribute to the overall theme of connection and fulfillment?
2. Compare the different desires of the characters who visit the library. How do their individual desires and dreams shape their book recommendations?
3. Discuss the significance of libraries as a setting for this story. How does the portrayal of libraries emphasize the magic and discovery of connection?
4. In what ways does the story highlight the importance of listening to our hearts instead of only to practical or financial concerns?
5. How does the book explore the challenges faced by the characters, such as a restless retail assistant, a mother returning to work after maternity leave, and a recently retired salaryman? How do their book recommendations help them overcome these challenges?
6. What role does the enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi, play in the story? How does her ability to provide the perfect book recommendation play in the story, even beyond her book recommendations?
7. How does the theme of lifelong dreams resonate throughout the story? Discuss how the characters' dreams evolve and whether they are able to achieve them.
8. Consider the idea of connection in the story. How do the characters' interactions with each other and the books they receive create a sense of connection and fulfillment?
9. Reflect on your own experiences with libraries and book recommendations. How have books recommended to you helped you in achieving your own goals or finding what you were looking for?
10. If given the opportunity to visit a library like the one described in the text, what would you be looking for and what kind of book recommendation do you think you would receive?