



GIRL (in real life)

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION NOTES

BOOK CLUB TIPS

- Encourage all opinions and a judgment-free discussion.
- It's helpful to ask your members to reference a specific page or scene in the book when giving their views.
- To get everyone involved, print and cut out the questions so members can take it in turns to pick them out of a hat (or jar!).
- Finally, have fun!

GIRL (in real life) THEMED SNACK IDEAS

- Milkshakes
- Red berry smoothies
- Cup cakes
- Jalapeño popcorn (if you dare...)
- *Æbleskiver* - Paul Hollywood's recipe here:
<https://thegreatbritishbakeoff.co.uk/recipes/all/paul-hollywood-aebleskiver/>
- Marshmallows (not necessarily fired from a catapult)
- Hot chocolate
- Shark sweets
- Fiery ginger beer
- Guyanese lime cookies - try this recipe:
<https://www.butteryum.org/blog/2014/03/guyanese-lime-cookies.html>
- Elderflower and mint 'sparkle'
- *Kanelsnegl* (Danish Cinnamon Buns) - recipe here:
<https://skandibaking.com/kanelsnegle-danish-cinnamon-buns/>



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GIRL (in real life) DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Eva hate being the star of *All About Eva* so much?
2. What are the reasons Eva's parents dismiss her concerns about the channel? Do you think there's a better way Eva could have talked to her parents about how she felt?
3. What impact does meeting Carys have on Eva's life? What did you make of their friendship?
4. Jen vlogs about Eva's period, despite promising that she won't. Why do you think Jen broke her promise? What did you think of Jen and Lars then appearing on television? Do you think they crossed a line?
5. Eva states at the beginning of the book that she is not 'extraordinary' and says 'Sorry if you find that disappointing'? Do you think there is pressure on Eva to be 'extraordinary'? What do you think it takes to be an internet star?
6. Spud is an important person in Eva's life. What did you make of their relationship? Why do you think he and Eva don't hang out at school?
7. Eva's friendship with Hallie is under strain in the book, '*Like whatever glue had been holding me and Hallie together had dried up*'. Why do you think this is?
8. Eva has a close relationship with her grandmother, Farmor. How is life at Farmor's different from Eva's life at home?
9. Farmor has little wisdoms she passes on to Eva. One of them is: *Don't sail out farther than you can row back*. What does Farmor mean by this? If you could give Eva one piece of advice, what would it be?
10. What do you think is the worst thing Eva's parents do and why?
11. Eva really doesn't like Gabi Galloney. Do you think this is justified? What did you make of Gabi's character?
12. What was your favourite moment of the book and why?
13. Do you think Eva is a good friend?
14. Eva ends the books by saying she doesn't have to be perfect. Did you like the ending? What do you think Eva might do next?
15. What do you think are some of the messages of the book? If this was the first of Tamsin Winter's books you have read, would you read her others?

