

Bookended By Beauty Queens

Book Club Discussion Guide

Introduction:

Angie Palmer likes her life just the way it is—private. She has no desire to entangle herself in complex friendships, and her relationship with her two beauty queen sisters is safely distant.

When disaster strikes her Grandmother, Angie takes her into her home. A life with Grandma comes a world full of changes, and new friends, including Val, a drag queen with hopes of being the next US-Gay Beauty Pageant winner.

Angie is determined to keep Val at a distance. Val has an instinct for knowing what is in Angie heart.

Just as Angie gets comfortable with Grandma living with her, a budding friendship with Val, and a new romantic interest, everything takes an unexpected turn.

Val becomes the victim of a violent crime and ends up in a coma. Angie begins a struggle against Val's family who wants to remove their son from life support.

Suddenly her private life becomes very public, and her world becomes a media circus. Angie is caught in a clash between religious beliefs and gay rights.

Through many twists and turns, Angie discovers a new appreciation for family, friends, and love. In the end, Angie learns that a life filled with people to care about is never too crowded.

About the Author:

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Discussion Questions:

-  What did you think about the book?
-  Did the book fulfill your expectations?
-  Did you enjoy the book? Why? Why not?
-  Which character do you like the most and why? The least and why?
-  How realistic were the characters? Would you want to have either character over for dinner?
-  What scene from *Bookended By Beauty Queens* stood out to you?
-  What major emotion did the story evoke in you as a reader?
-  Did the plot pull you in or did you feel you had to force yourself to read the book?
-  At what point in the book did you decide if you liked it or not? What helped make the decision?
-  Name your favorite thing overall about the book? Your least favorite?
-  Are there situations and/or characters you can identify with, if so how?
-  Did the book end the way you expected?
-  How does *Bookended By Beauty Queens* compare to other books in this genre?
-  Describe what you liked or disliked about the writer's style.
-  Would you recommend this book to other readers or a close friend?