



Book Club Guide

JUNE'S CHALLENGE

Make your own vision board, including at least three goals for the future. You can include photos from magazines, drawings, words, glitter...make it your own!



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DISCUSS...

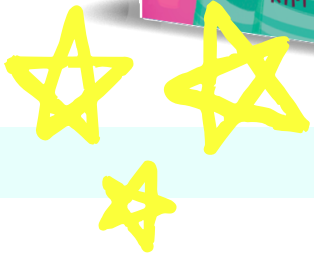
- June receives a magical laptop that lets her chat with her past and future selves. Imagine that you found a similar laptop. What questions would you ask Past and Future You? How do you think Future You would be different from Present You?
- June uses magical objects to try to stop her parents' divorce. If you could use any magical object from The Shop of Last Resort, what would it be and why? (P.S. It doesn't have to actually be mentioned in the book. Feel free to make up your own).
- June is a huge believer in Bigfoot, thanks to her grandma, Eliza Day, and her years of research. Do you believe in Bigfoot? Why or why not? What about other cryptozoological creatures? P.S. 'cryptozoological' refers to creatures that may or may not exist. No one knows for sure, because scientists have yet to uncover enough evidence.
- At the end, June sums up her journey like this: "Sometimes, life stinks and there's nothing we can do about it. But we keep going. And, hopefully, the stuff that seemed so terrible at first will start to feel a little less terrible over time. Then one day, we'll wake up and realize that everything turned out okay. Not perfect. Not just the way we imagined it. But at least okay." Do you agree with June? Have you had a time in your life when things seemed really terrible at first, but ended up working out okay?



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DESIGN CHALLENGE

Tanglewood Crossing is an imaginary town created by author, Kim Ventrella. The quirky downtown features a hodgepodge of colorful shops all with a bigfoot theme. Tourists can go on daily bigfoot tours, sample Merline's famous sweets at The Friendly Bean, or stop by the mysterious Shop of Last Resort to test out the magical objects. What type of town would you design? Answer the questions below to get started, then draw a picture of your town.



- What is the name of your town?
- What makes your town unique? Why should people come visit?
- Write about the most interesting place in your town. Is it a shop, park, or something else? Include at least three details.
- What are the three most important facts that visitors should know about your town?



DRAW A MAP ON THE BACK

