



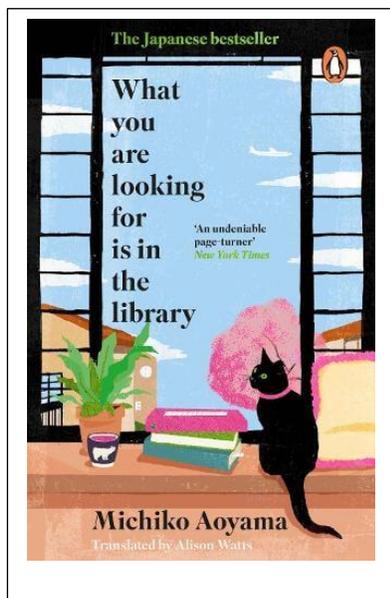
Prison Reading Groups
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Book Talk

What you are looking for is in the library

By Michiko Aoyama

Number of pages: 272



This book is a collection of heartwarming short stories about five people whose lives change forever when they meet the librarian Sayuri Komachi. She is able to find the perfect book recommendation for each person that takes them on a journey of discovery and self-belief. This is a fantastic demonstration of the power books have to connect, inspire, teach and promote change.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig or *Days at the Morisaki Bookshop* by Satoshi Yagisawa.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do we learn about the librarian's appearance, life and character through the different stories?
2. Why do you think each character opens up to the librarian about their life and as a result ends up coming away with a book they didn't ask for?
3. Which character's story did you find the most interesting and why?
4. What do you think of the author's style of writing? Do you think each story could stand alone?
5. 'You may say it was the book, but it's how you read a book that is most valuable rather than any power it might have itself.' Do you agree with this quote from the book?
6. Are there any books you have read that have had a lasting impact on you?

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