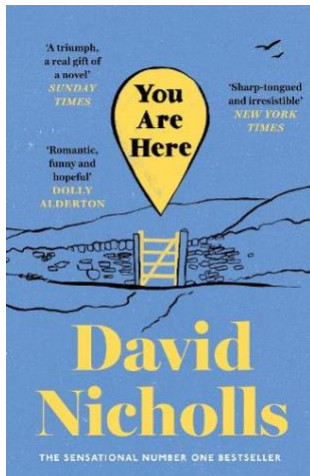


Book Talk

You Are Here

By David Nicholls

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You Are Here is a charming, funny and moving story in which two lost souls are thrown together on an epic coast to coast walk through the Lake District.

Marnie is stuck, working alone in her London flat and feeling that life is passing her by. Michael is coming undone, increasingly reclusive after his marriage came to an end. When a persistent mutual friend and some very English weather conspire to bring them together, Marnie and Michael unexpectedly find themselves on the brink of a new friendship and a second chance at love. But can they survive the journey?

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *One Day* or *Us* by David Nicholls, or *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach.

Discussion questions:

1. Michael and Marnie are both dealing with loneliness in different ways. How do their past experiences shape their expectations of relationships, and in what ways do they help each other change?
2. The novel is structured around a long-distance walk across the English countryside. How does the walk mirror the characters' emotional journeys? Could the story have worked as well in a different setting?
3. David Nicholls balances humour with more serious themes such as divorce and isolation. Which moments made you laugh, and which did you find most moving? How did the shifts in tone affect your reading experience?
4. Both main characters are middle-aged, a time of life which is not often associated with romantic fiction. What do you think the novel has to say about second chances and finding love later in life?
5. Did you find the ending satisfying? What do you imagine happens next for Michael and Marnie?

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