



Book Club Questions

1 Some of the embarrassing moments that Jess shares give readers a glimpse into her happy memories with Chloe, such as the Cake Dropping Incident and the Jewelry Heist. Do you have a favorite funny moment with a friend or a former friend? Do you feel the same way about the “Incident” now as you did when it first happened?

2 As Jess and Chloe grow farther apart, Jess and her sister, Julia, are growing closer together. What do you think Jess learns about Julia during the book that helps them become closer? What does Julia learn about Jess?

3 Jess tells us at the beginning of the story that she is posting true stories about herself on the blog, but later, her friend Cam questions whether she’s being completely truthful. (“So you just make up everything I say and do?”) Jess responds that her blog is “eighty percent accurate,” with the rest being “artistic choices.” How much did you trust Jess as a narrator? Are there things you think she is untruthful about?

4 If Jess from the end of the book could go back in time to the beginning of the book, what do you think she’d tell herself?

5 Jess frequently compares her life to plays and movies. Have you ever seen a play or movie or read a book that helped you make sense of something in your real life? Has something in your real life ever helped you make sense of a book?

6 The author says she writes books about girls “claiming space in the world.” How does Jess “claim space” in this story? How does Chloe?

7 Did you like the ending of the book? Do you think Jess should have forgiven Chloe right away? Do you think Jess should be staying farther away from Chloe?

8 Jess struggles to communicate with Chloe throughout the book, sometimes because Chloe won’t respond to her calls and texts and sometimes because she doesn’t know what to say. She even tries to express how she’s feeling through plays and poetry. If you had something difficult to communicate with someone who betrayed your trust, how would you approach it?

9 When Noah tells his version of what happened on Memorial Day, everyone believes him—even Jess. Have you ever had an experience where someone else’s perspective was different from how you perceived it? How did you tell your side of the story?

10 Jess has a number of friends in the book, some of whom are good friends throughout the whole story and others who are not. What qualities do you think are important in a good friend? Which of Jess’s friends do you think was the best to her? To whom was *Jess* the best friend?