



Good People

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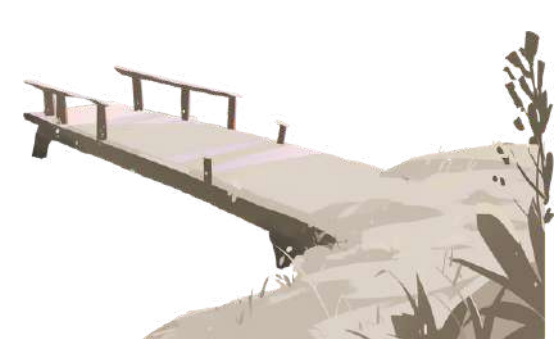
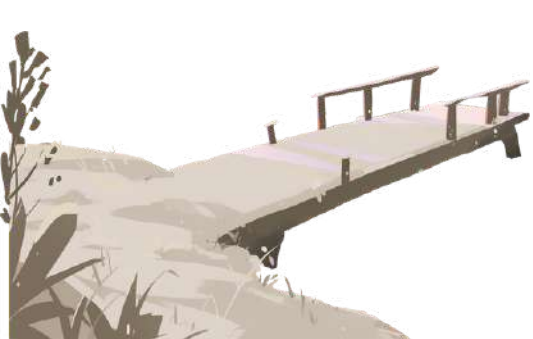
“A girl's reputation never just hers. In it she holds the name of her whole family... For good people, name is everything.”

Thank you for downloading this kit!

Whether you're with longtime besties or new bookish friends, we hope it helps you dive deeper into the story—and enjoy even better conversations together.

Happy reading & happy connecting!

— The **BookClubee** Team



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Would You Read This Book?

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☐ Yes. ☐ No. ☐ Maybe.

My Short Opinion About it

You make the stories even better.



Write Your Favourite Quote

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MY NOTES

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WRAP-UP

Quick Rating Round

Each person shares 1-5 stars & one word to describe the book.

Vote on Next Month's Book

Pick together so everyone stays excited!

Group Photo

Bonus: With string lights or lanterns in the background



SURPRISE TOUCH

Include a small note card a quote about community (like the ones shared between neighbors in the book at each seat)

A simple touch that sparks connection.



SHOPPING LIST



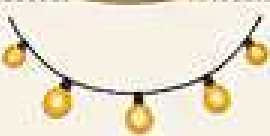
Chicken Samosas – frozen or from a local market/deli



Chana Chaat – chickpeas, onion, tomato, cilantro, lemon, chaat masala



Kashmiri Chai – tea leaves, milk, cardamom, cinnamon, almonds (or almond slivers)



Fairy lights or string lights – battery operated works great



Blue & gold accents – napkins, table runner, candle holders, or small lanterns

BOOK CLUB INVITE

What if the person who understood you best was only in your life for two years?

 THE QUESTION WE'RE ALL ARGUING ABOUT:

Can someone who was part of your life briefly leave a deeper mark than the people who stayed forever?

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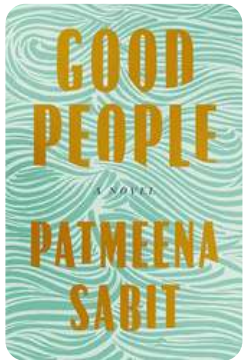
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WHAT TO EXPECT:

- "The Person Who Changed Everything" Debate Cards
 - Spirited discussion (bring your hottest take)
- Favorite memory & second-chance stories inspired by the book

Bring: A snack, a drink, and a strong opinion





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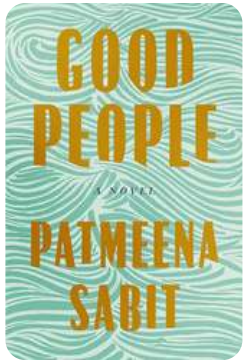
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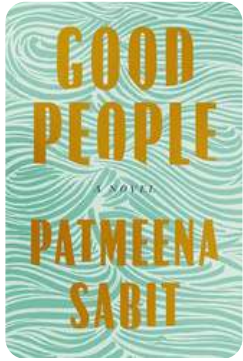
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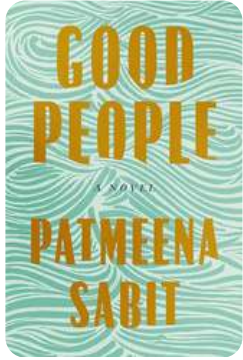
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ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS



PERSONALITY REVEAL

1. Are you more likely to keep the peace or say exactly what you think, even when it makes things awkward?
2. When someone completely misunderstands you, do you correct them immediately or secretly enjoy watching the wrong theory develop?
3. Are you the friend who gives brutally honest advice or the friend who says, “Whatever makes you happy”?

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS



FUNNY & LIGHT

4. What's the most ridiculous thing you've ever been judged for that you absolutely stand by?
5. What's your most impressive “I definitely should not have done that, but somehow it worked” story?
6. What's one harmless opinion you hold so strongly that your friends have learned not to argue with you?

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS



WOULD YOU RATHER

7. Would you rather always know what people really think of you or never hear anyone's opinion about you again?
8. Would you rather have a family that is extremely proud of you but doesn't fully understand you, or one that understands you completely but is never impressed?
9. Would you rather be known as the person who always follows the rules or the person who always follows their gut?

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS



HOT TAKE

10. Hot take: protecting someone's feelings is sometimes more important than telling them the truth. Agree or disagree?
11. Finish this sentence: “People care way too much about what other people think about _____.”
12. Hot take: being the “good child” in a family is mostly a blessing—or mostly a burden?

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS



PERSONAL CONNECTION

13. What's one part of yourself that people often get completely wrong when they first meet you?
14. Who is one person in your life you can be completely unfiltered around?
15. What's one expectation someone had for your life that you quietly decided wasn't going to define you?

CHARACTER PROFILE

RAHMAT SHARAF

The self-made father who treats success like a moral obligation.

The Vibe:

Rahmat is the guy who walks into a room already convinced he has found the better way to do things. He builds a life from almost nothing, becomes enormously successful, and still has the slightly baffling habit of behaving as though everyone else simply hasn't caught up with his vision yet. His determination is impressive; his inability to take advice is considerably less so.

Their Contradiction:

On the surface: A father obsessed with giving his children every opportunity.

Underneath: The more successful he becomes, the more tightly he tries to control what that success is supposed to mean for his children.

Why Readers Love/Hate Them:

You may admire everything Rahmat sacrificed and still want to grab him by the shoulders and say, Please listen to somebody for once.

Their Most Revealing Moment:

Watch how he reacts when one of his children chooses a future that doesn't fit the spectacular life he has imagined for them.

Book Club Hot Take:

Is Rahmat actually controlling—or is he simply loving his children with the only definition of “providing” he knows?

CHARACTER PROFILE

MARYAM SHARAF

The woman holding the family together while almost disappearing inside it.

The Vibe:

Maryam has the energy of someone who has already thought about everyone's needs before they've entered the room. She runs the household, absorbs the awkwardness created by her husband, and keeps showing up for her children—even when the people around her disagree wildly about what she should be doing.

Their Contradiction:

On the surface: Quiet, dutiful, endlessly accommodating.

Underneath: There is a complicated strength in how fiercely she protects the family structure she's chosen.

Why Readers Love/Hate Them:

Readers tend to feel protective of Maryam—but may also find themselves wishing she would stop absorbing everyone else's problems and claim some space of her own.

Their Most Revealing Moment:

Watch how she responds when family expectations collide with something she cannot simply tidy away.

Book Club Hot Take:

Does Maryam's loyalty hold her family together—or prevent her from seeing what is actually happening inside it?

CHARACTER PROFILE

ZORAH SHARAF

The daughter everyone thinks they know—and nobody actually gets to hear.

The Vibe:

Zorah is the book's great social Rorschach test. To some people she's a brilliant, stylish daughter destined for an extraordinary future; to others she's the teenager who is testing every boundary she can find. The fascinating part is that neither version gets to be the final word, because Zorah herself never narrates her own story.

Their Contradiction:

On the surface: A privileged daughter pushing against rules. Underneath: Someone trying to work out which parts of the identity handed to her actually belong to her.

Why Readers Love/Hate Them:

Readers can become fiercely protective of Zorah—or intensely frustrated with her—often depending on which narrator they have most recently believed.

Their Most Revealing Moment:

Watch how differently people describe the same version of Zorah: rebellious daughter, popular teenager, academic disappointment, beloved child.

Book Club Hot Take:

Do we actually understand Zorah—or have we simply become another group of people constructing a story about her?

CHARACTER PROFILE

OMER SHARAF

The older brother who loves his sister enough to interfere with her life.

The Vibe:

Omer is the family member who doesn't necessarily want the traditional trophy but still wants to prove he can win the game. He skips the prestigious academic path expected of him and builds his own business, while his fierce protectiveness toward Zorah repeatedly edges into brother, please back off.

Their Contradiction:

On the surface: Independent, practical, fiercely protective.

Underneath: His protectiveness sometimes looks suspiciously like an inability to accept that someone he loves gets to make choices he wouldn't make.

Why Readers Love/Hate Them:

He's incredibly easy to sympathize with—right up until his version of helping starts looking a lot like policing.

Their Most Revealing Moment:

Watch what happens when Omer thinks protecting someone means following them rather than trusting them.

Book Club Hot Take:

At what point does protecting someone become controlling them?

CHARACTER PROFILE

HAMZA SHARAF

The younger brother growing up in the shadow of an increasingly complicated family story.

The Vibe:

Hamza occupies a quieter position in the family portrait, which makes him interesting: he's part of the generation born into the comfort Rahmat worked so hard to create, rather than the struggle that preceded it. He is one of the children who inherits the family's expectations without necessarily having chosen them.

Their Contradiction:

On the surface: One of the less complicated, less scrutinized Sharaf children.

Underneath: He belongs to a family whose identity has already been shaped for him before he is old enough to question it.

Why Readers Love/Hate Them:

Readers may overlook Hamza at first—which is precisely what makes his position worth discussing.

Their Most Revealing Moment:

Watch what his place in the family reveals about the difference between growing up with expectations and being the person who created them.

Book Club Hot Take:

Is being the “less complicated” child actually its own kind of pressure?

CHARACTER PROFILE

LAYLEE SHARAF

The youngest daughter, watching a family story become bigger than the family itself.

The Vibe:

Laylee is part of the younger generation born into the life Rahmat spent years building. That means she inherits the privileges, expectations, cultural negotiations, and eventually the scrutiny surrounding the Sharaf name—all without having designed any of it.

Their Contradiction:

On the surface: The younger child protected from the family's biggest conflicts.
Underneath: She is growing up inside the consequences of choices made long before she had any say in them.

Why Readers Love/Hate Them:

Laylee tends to inspire more curiosity than judgment: what does a child learn when everyone around them is busy arguing about what their family means?

Their Most Revealing Moment:

Watch how the younger children function in the background of the family's competing ideas about culture, success, and belonging.

Book Club Hot Take:

How much of a family's identity should the next generation be expected to inherit?

CHARACTER DYNAMICS MAP

At the center is the Rahmat–Zorah collision: a father who believes providing an extraordinary life gives him a say in what that life should look like, and a daughter increasingly determined to define herself.

Maryam occupies the emotional middle, trying to preserve family unity while Rahmat's expectations and Zorah's independence pull in opposite directions. Omer adds another fascinating layer because his love for Zorah is genuine, but his instinct to protect her can blur into monitoring her choices.

And then there's the outside world: the Afghan-American community, classmates, neighbors, authorities, and media. They don't simply observe the Sharafs—they continually reinterpret them, turning private family tensions into competing stories about culture, assimilation, reputation, and what a “good family” is supposed to look like.

The delicious book-club question underneath all of it: When everyone has a different version of a person, how much of that person are we actually entitled to claim we know?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When Rahmat discovers Zorah has been forging her report cards, was taking away the France trip a reasonable consequence—or the moment he stopped treating her like a daughter and started treating her like a project?

● Warm Up

2. Zorah tells her parents she wants to become a makeup artist instead of following the prestigious future Rahmat has planned. Whose dream do you find easier to understand: hers or his?

● Warm Up

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. Omer follows Zorah when he suspects she's lying about where she's going. Does that feel more like an older brother looking out for his sister or someone who doesn't trust her to run her own life?

● Warm Up



4. Zorah chooses to be with Sahil despite knowing exactly how much trouble the relationship will cause at home. Do you read that choice primarily as courage, impulsiveness, or something else?

● Warm Up

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

5. Rahmat works relentlessly to give his children opportunities he never had, yet those opportunities come with very specific expectations. At what point does “I sacrificed for you” become an unfair debt?

 Warm Up

6. Rahmat's statement that he would rather kill Zorah than let her marry Sayed's son becomes enormously important after her death. How much weight should we give words said during an explosive family argument?

 Debate Starter

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

7. Zorah runs away, reports abuse, and later returns to her family after her relationship with Sahil falls apart. Does returning home make you reconsider her earlier accusations, or does it simply show how complicated an abusive or controlling family relationship can be?

🟡 Debate Starter

8. The Sharafs initially resist aspects of the reopened investigation and then hire Richard Ward. If you were a neighbor watching this unfold, would their legal strategy make you more suspicious or more sympathetic? Why?

🟡 Debate Starter

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

9. Sayed uses Rahmat's earlier remark to encourage suspicion that the family killed Zorah, partly after Rahmat humiliates him by rejecting the proposed marriage. Is Sayed exposing something important—or exploiting a tragedy to settle a personal score?

 Debate Starter

10. The Afghan American community initially closes ranks around the Sharafs when accusations and harassment escalate. Is that solidarity admirable, or does defending “one of our own” risk preventing uncomfortable questions?

 Debate Starter

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

11. Rahmat's determination to buy a home in an exclusive neighborhood represents his version of achieving the American Dream. Given what happens to the family, do you see that ambition as inspiring—or as the beginning of a trap?

● Debate Starter



12. Optimists might say Rahmat's strictness comes from love and fear of losing his children; pessimists might say love doesn't make control less damaging. Which side has the stronger case after watching his relationship with Zorah?

● Debate Starter

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

13. Optimists might argue that the community's decision to protect the Sharafs shows people can overcome gossip and prejudice when it matters. Pessimists might see it as proof that communities protect their own until doing so becomes inconvenient. Which interpretation fits the novel better?

 Debate Starter



14. Optimists might say the lack of charges against the Sharafs demonstrates that institutions ultimately resisted public hysteria. Pessimists might say that by then, the family's reputation and life had already been destroyed. Which outcome matters more?

 Debate Starter

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

15. The novel never lets Zorah speak directly for herself. Does that make you more careful about judging her—or more frustrated because you feel you've been denied the one testimony that matters most?

 Deep Dive

16. Imagine today's social-media environment applied to the Sharaf case: would the family's story have received more public support, or would short clips, accusations, and outrage have made the situation even more extreme?

 Deep Dive

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

17. The accusations of an “honor killing” collide with accusations of anti-immigrant and Islamophobic prejudice. How should people investigate genuine concerns about cultural violence without turning an entire immigrant community into suspects?

 Deep Dive



18. The case becomes a media spectacle built from fragments: witnesses, rumors, police reports, and competing recollections. What does this suggest about how today's true-crime culture treats real people's suffering?

 Deep Dive

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

19. Zorah's death leaves everyone constructing a version of who she was—rebellious daughter, beloved child, troubled teenager, victim, or something else. Why are people so uncomfortable admitting that a person can be several contradictory things at once?

 Deep Dive



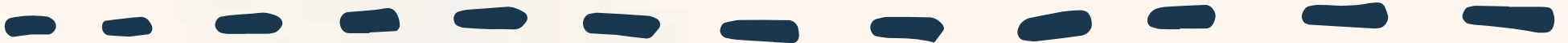
20. By the end, the question isn't simply whether the Sharafs are “good people,” but whether being good can coexist with controlling someone you love, protecting your reputation, judging outsiders, or getting things terribly wrong. Is “good person” actually a useful moral category—or does the novel convince you that it's dangerously simplistic?

 Deep Dive

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

EASY

1. What career did Zorah tell her parents she actually wanted instead of following Rahmat's plans for her?



2. What business did Omer build after deciding not to pursue the academic career his parents wanted for him?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

EASY

3. Where did the Sharaf family take their impromptu trip shortly before Zorah's death?



4. What food did Rahmat repeatedly bring to the Georgetown professor he consulted about his children's education?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

EASY

5. What happened to Zorah's planned school trip to France after her parents discovered her forged report cards?



6. Who was Zorah secretly dating when her relationship became a major source of conflict for the family?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

MEDIUM

7. What did Rahmat's real-estate agent say was his non-negotiable requirement when searching for the family's new home?



8. At the gas station on the family's final evening, which two vehicles were driven by Rahmat and Omer?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

MEDIUM

9. What did Zorah do at the Niagara Butterfly and Nature Conservatory that briefly separated her from the rest of the family?



10. What book did Zorah's tutor assign her to read while she was away on the Niagara Falls trip?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

MEDIUM

11. Why did the family end up spending the night at the Cedar Lake Inn rather than continuing their journey?



12. What unusual detail about Zorah's relationship with the family's Riverside house was recalled by one of Maryam's friends?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

MEDIUM

13. What did Fiona refuse to do when Zorah asked her for help with her secret life?

14. What did Sayed Nawab secretly hope would happen between his son and Zorah?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

HARD

15. What did Omer's laptop searches reveal that investigators found particularly troubling after Zorah's death?

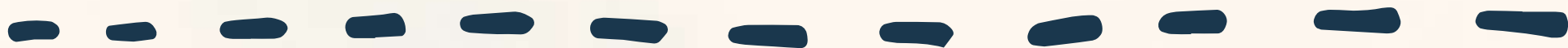


16. What apparently contradictory statement did Rahmat and Omer make about whether they had previously been in the area where Zorah died?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

HARD

17. What did the Cedar Lake Inn's perimeter sensors record on the night Zorah disappeared?



18. What detail from Jacob Waller's account became significant because he insisted the number and sequence of lights he saw never changed?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

HARD

19. What explanation did Asma give for Rahmat's notorious statement about preferring to kill Zorah rather than let her marry Sayed's son?



20. What unusual structural choice does Sabit make throughout the novel regarding the Sharaf family's own voices?

SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

1. Most Likely to Turn “I Know What's Best for You” Into a Full-Time Career



Winner: Rahmat Sharaf



Why: He doesn't merely dream of prestigious futures for his children—he is already mapping Zorah toward Harvard and the Supreme Court while she is dreaming about makeup and New York.



Close Second: Omer Sharaf

💬 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Omer instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

2. Most Likely to Follow You Because They Love You... and Then Say They Were “Just Checking”



Winner: Omer Sharaf



Why: Omer follows Zorah when he suspects she's lying to their parents about where she's going—a protective gesture that is sweet right up until you remember she is a person with a right to privacy.



Close Second: Rahmat Sharaf

💬 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Rahmat instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

3. Most Likely to Build an Entire Life Around Proving Someone Else Wrong



Winner: Rahmat Sharaf



Why: His journey from struggling refugee to wealthy businessman is fueled by a refusal to accept other people's doubts about his schemes or ambitions.



Close Second: Omer Sharaf

💬 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Omer instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

4. Most Likely to Have a Secret Second Life

 Winner: Zorah Sharaf

 Why: The contrast between the daughter her family thinks they know and the teenager secretly dating Sahil, changing how she dresses, and imagining a completely different future makes her the undisputed winner.

 Close Second: Omer Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Omer instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

5. Most Likely to Make a Family Argument About a Career Choice

 Winner: Zorah Sharaf

 Why: Saying she wants to become a makeup artist instead of pursuing her father's Supreme Court-justice dream turns a career conversation into a referendum on family expectations.

 Close Second: Omer Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Omer instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

6. Most Likely to Buy Something Ridiculously Cheap and Mention It for Years

 Winner: Rahmat Sharaf

 Why: Even as a millionaire, Rahmat proudly talks about buying a huge bag of socks at Costco for ten dollars. It's possibly the most Rahmat detail in the entire book.

 Close Second: Omer Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Omer instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

7. Most Likely to Arrive at an Important Meeting Carrying Mangoes

 Winner: Rahmat Sharaf

 Why: His attempt to impress a Georgetown professor with mangoes while discussing Zorah's future combines hospitality, ambition, networking, and sheer Rahmat-ness in one unforgettable gesture.

 Close Second: Maryam Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Maryam instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

8. Most Likely to Defend the Family So Fiercely That Logic Has Left the Building

 Winner: Maryam Sharaf

 Why: Maryam's loyalty to Rahmat is so unwavering that people around her repeatedly struggle to separate her devotion to her family from her ability to question what happens inside it.

 Close Second: Sara Bashar

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Sara instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

9. Most Likely to Say “I’m Only Telling the Truth” While Clearly Having an Axe to Grind

 Winner: Sayed Nawab

 Why: Sayed becomes the loudest voice accusing the Sharafs, but his bitterness is difficult to separate from Rahmat's humiliating rejection of his marriage proposal for Zorah.

 Close Second: Rahmat Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Rahmat instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

10. Most Likely to Turn a Wedding Proposal Into a Generational Crisis

 Winner: Sayed Nawab

 Why: His proposal that Zorah marry his son becomes enormously consequential after Rahmat rejects it—and Sayed's humiliation subsequently colors how he talks about the Sharaf family.

 Close Second: Rahmat Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Rahmat instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

11. Most Likely to Give You a Completely Different Person Depending on Who's Telling the Story

 Winner: Zorah Sharaf

 Why: One narrator remembers an admired daughter while another sees a rebellious teenager; because Zorah never narrates herself, the contradictions are the point.

 Close Second: Rahmat Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Rahmat instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

12. Most Likely to Say “I Left School, But I Built a Business, So Technically I Was Right”

 Winner: Omer Sharaf

 Why: Omer rejects the college path his father wanted and instead builds a used-car business, creating one of the clearest father-son clashes over what success actually means.

 Close Second: Rahmat Sharaf

 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Rahmat instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

13. Most Likely to Have an Entire Community Running a Group Chat About Them

🏆 Winner: Zorah Sharaf

📝 Why: Her relationship with Sahil, clothes, ambitions, academic rebellion, and behavior become community gossip—long before anyone can agree on what actually happened to her.

⚖️ Close Second: Rahmat Sharaf

💬 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Rahmat instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

14. Most Likely to Be Misunderstood Because They Don't Explain Themselves



Winner: Omer Sharaf



Why: His quietness and temper—especially when he pushes a cameraman during the media frenzy—allow outsiders to construct a much darker image of him than the affectionate brother described by people who knew him.



Close Second: Zorah Sharaf

💬 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Zorah instead?”



SUPERLATIVE CATEGORIES

15. Most Likely to Become the Villain in Someone Else's Story Without Actually Doing Anything New



Winner: Rahmat Sharaf



Why: His old stubbornness, his controlling expectations for Zorah, and especially his inflammatory remark about killing her are repeatedly reassembled into evidence against him after her death.



Close Second: Sayed Nawab

💬 Debate Prompt: “Do you agree, or would you have picked Sayed instead?”



WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

WORLD QUESTIONS

1. Would you rather grow up with Rahmat's version of the American Dream —wealth, an elite neighborhood, and every educational opportunity—but have your family constantly judged by both your old community and your new one...

⚡ Option A: Have everything your parents sacrificed for, but never feel completely accepted.

OR

⚡ Option B: Give up the wealth and status and live modestly, but feel completely at home wherever you are?

WORLD QUESTIONS

2. Would you rather live in a community where everyone knows your family's history and will always help you in a crisis...

⚡ Option A: Have an extraordinary support network but know everyone has an opinion about your private life.

OR

⚡ Option B: Live anonymously among strangers who owe you nothing and expect nothing from you?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

WORLD QUESTIONS

3. Would you rather have a beautiful home in the most exclusive neighborhood, like the Sharafs' Riverside house...

⚡ Option A: Keep the dream house but know everyone is watching you.

OR

⚡ Option B: Live somewhere ordinary where nobody cares who you are, but give up the symbol of everything your family worked for?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

WORLD QUESTIONS

4. Would you rather arrive in a new country knowing your children will have freedoms you never had...

⚡ Option A: Let them embrace those freedoms even when they frighten you.

OR

⚡ Option B: Preserve the traditions that protected your family before, even when your children resent them?

WORLD QUESTIONS

5. Would you rather have your family's entire story told publicly after a tragedy...

⚡ Option A: Hear every rumor and accusation but finally have the opportunity to defend yourselves.

OR

⚡ Option B: Keep everything private, knowing strangers will fill the silence with whatever story they prefer?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONS

6. Would you rather have a parent who loves you enough to plan your entire future, the way Rahmat does...

⚡ Option A: Know exactly what they believe will make you successful, but disappoint them by choosing another life.

OR

⚡ Option B: Have a parent who gives you complete freedom but never seems particularly invested in what you become?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONS

7. Would you rather have an Omer-style sibling who will follow you when they think you're in trouble...

⚡ Option A: Always know someone has your back, even when you desperately want privacy.

OR

⚡ Option B: Have a sibling who completely respects your independence, even if that means they might not notice when you need help?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONS

8. Would you rather have a relationship like Zorah and Sahil's...

⚡ Option A: Be with someone who makes you feel completely understood but whose presence could fracture your relationship with your family.

OR

⚡ Option B: Choose someone your family wholeheartedly approves of but always wonder whether you sacrificed something essential?

RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONS

9. Would you rather have Maryam's kind of family loyalty...

⚡ Option A: Stand beside your spouse through everything, even when outsiders think you're making the wrong choice.

OR

⚡ Option B: Challenge your spouse whenever you think they're wrong, even if doing so could destabilize your family?

RELATIONSHIP QUESTIONS

10. Would you rather be loved like Zorah is by the people who see her as the “light of the house”...

⚡ Option A: Be adored so intensely that disappointing people feels almost impossible.

OR

⚡ Option B: Be understood less intensely but have complete freedom to become whoever you want?

MORAL DILEMMA QUESTIONS

11. Would you rather know that someone you love is making a decision that will probably hurt them...

⚡ Option A: Intervene without their permission because you genuinely believe you're protecting them.

OR

⚡ Option B: Stay silent because their life belongs to them, even if you later regret not acting?

MORAL DILEMMA QUESTIONS

12. Would you rather discover evidence suggesting your friend's family might be responsible for a tragedy...

⚡ Option A: Tell the authorities immediately, risking destroying innocent people's lives.

OR

⚡ Option B: Keep investigating privately until you're certain, risking valuable evidence disappearing?

MORAL DILEMMA QUESTIONS

13. Would you rather hear Rahmat say something horrifying about his daughter during an argument...

⚡ Option A: Treat the statement as potentially meaningful evidence even though it was said in anger.

OR

⚡ Option B: Assume angry words aren't evidence of someone's actual intentions, even if the consequences later look suspicious?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

MORAL DILEMMA QUESTIONS

14. Would you rather defend a family from accusations you believe are motivated partly by racism...

⚡ Option A: Publicly stand beside them even if you're not certain they're innocent.

OR

⚡ Option B: Refuse to defend them until every allegation has been investigated, even if that silence helps prejudice spread?

MORAL DILEMMA QUESTIONS

15. Would you rather discover that everyone in your community has a completely different version of the same person...

⚡ Option A: Choose the version supported by the people who knew them best.

OR

⚡ Option B: Refuse to choose because you believe nobody can ever fully know another person's private life?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

FUNNY BUT SURPRISINGLY DEEP

16. Would you rather become wildly successful like Rahmat but remain emotionally incapable of passing up a spectacular bargain...

⚡ Option A: Become the millionaire who is still proudly telling everyone about the cheap socks you bought.

OR

⚡ Option B: Stay financially ordinary but develop absolutely no emotional attachment to coupons, discounts, or Costco-sized purchases?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

FUNNY BUT SURPRISINGLY DEEP

17. Would you rather approach every important professional meeting like Rahmat bringing mangoes...

⚡ Option A: Arrive with an extremely thoughtful gift and risk everyone thinking you're trying too hard.

OR

⚡ Option B: Arrive empty-handed and professional but wonder afterward whether you missed an opportunity to connect?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

FUNNY BUT SURPRISINGLY DEEP

18. Would you rather have your family think you're destined for Harvard and the Supreme Court...

⚡ Option A: Secretly dream of becoming a makeup artist and deal with everyone's disappointment.

OR

⚡ Option B: Follow the prestigious path everyone wants for you while privately wondering whether you ever chose your own life?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

FUNNY BUT SURPRISINGLY DEEP

19. Would you rather have an Omer in your family...

⚡ Option A: A fiercely protective sibling who might investigate your whereabouts when you're being secretive.

OR

⚡ Option B: A hilariously hands-off sibling who would happily let you make terrible decisions because “you're an adult”?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

FUNNY BUT SURPRISINGLY DEEP

20. Would you rather have your entire friend group reconstruct your life after you're gone from hundreds of tiny details...

⚡ Option A: Have everyone remember you differently but perhaps capture pieces of the real you.

OR

⚡ Option B: Have everyone agree on one flattering version of you that is completely wrong?

IDENTITY QUESTIONS

21. Would you rather be Zorah and have everyone around you confidently disagree about who you really are...

⚡ Option A: Be constantly misunderstood but retain complete freedom to define yourself privately.

OR

⚡ Option B: Be accurately understood by everyone but have their expectations permanently attached to your identity?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

IDENTITY QUESTIONS

22. Would you rather be Rahmat and have your entire identity built around what you achieved after arriving with almost nothing...

⚡ Option A: Become incredibly successful but feel responsible for maintaining that success forever.

OR

⚡ Option B: Reject the status game completely and risk feeling that you failed to honor everything your younger self survived?

IDENTITY QUESTIONS

23. Would you rather be Omer and choose your own path instead of the prestigious future your parents imagined...

⚡ Option A: Prove that your unconventional choice can succeed, while disappointing the people who sacrificed for you.

OR

⚡ Option B: Follow their plan and make them proud, while never knowing what your own path might have been?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

IDENTITY QUESTIONS

24. Would you rather be known as a “good person” by your entire community but occasionally betray your own values to maintain that reputation...

⚡ Option A: Keep the good name and live with the compromises.

OR

⚡ Option B: Do exactly what you believe is right and accept being branded selfish, disloyal, or bad?

WOULD YOU RATHER GAME

IDENTITY QUESTIONS

25. Would you rather live your whole life knowing everyone has a different version of you—as happens throughout the Sharafs' story...

⚡ Option A: Accept that nobody can ever completely know you and stop trying to control their version of you.

OR

⚡ Option B: Spend your life correcting every misunderstanding, even if defending yourself becomes exhausting?

BINGO GAME

Mark squares as they happen
durring reading or discussion

First to 5 in row shouts **“BINGO!”**

 Someone defends Rahmat's intentions	 Someone points out Zorah never tells her own story	 Someone mentions the mangoes	 Someone says "I don't trust Sayed"	 Someone compares two completely different versions of Zorah
 Someone brings up the Costco socks	 Someone says Omer was being protective	 Someone argues that protective ≠ controlling	 Someone mentions Zorah wanting to be a makeup artist	 Someone says the community judged the Sharafs too quickly
 Someone brings up the Supreme Court dream	 Someone changes their mind about Zorah mid-discussion	 FREE SPACE	 Someone says "But what actually happened?"	 Someone defends Maryam
 Someone mentions Omer's car business	 Someone says Rahmat was too controlling	 Someone brings up the contradictory witness accounts	 Someone compares the book to true crime	 Someone says they wanted Zorah to speak for herself
 Someone admits they suspected a character	 Someone says "I would NEVER do what Zorah did"	 Someone gets genuinely annoyed at a character	 Someone argues the ambiguity is the point	 Someone says the title <i>Good People</i> is ironic

IN THE BOOK (story, characters, moments)

AT THE MEETING (things people do or say)

INSTANT & FUN

1. Riverside mansion or quiet ordinary neighborhood?
2. Supreme Court career or makeup-artist dream?
3. Used-car business or corporate career?
4. Afghan-American community dinner or anonymous night out?
5. Designer fashion or thrift-store treasure hunt?
6. Tell your parents everything or keep one secret life?
7. Family reputation or personal freedom?
8. Mangoes for an important meeting or arrive empty-handed?
9. Prestigious school or creative freedom?
10. Be admired by your community or completely understood by one person?

CHARACTER-INSPIRED

11. Rahmat's relentless ambition or Zorah's refusal to follow the plan?
12. Omer's "I need to protect you" or Zorah's "I need to choose for myself"?
13. Maryam's keep-the-family-together approach or Zorah's push-for-change approach?
14. Rahmat's business instinct or Omer's used-car hustle?
15. Zorah's secret rebellion or Omer's quiet complicity?
16. Rahmat's refusal to take advice or Sayed's refusal to let a grievance go?
17. Maryam's loyalty to Rahmat or Sara's willingness to defend the family publicly?
18. Omer following someone he loves to make sure they're safe or trusting them completely?
19. Zorah's fashion-conscious self-expression or Rahmat's status-conscious success?
20. Sayed's willingness to accuse someone or the community's instinct to protect one of its own?

VALUES REVEAL

21. Know your child's location at all times or trust them completely?
22. Give your child every opportunity you never had or let them choose a completely different life?
23. Protect someone's reputation or tell an uncomfortable truth?
24. Be successful enough to impress everyone or free enough to disappoint everyone?
25. Stay loyal to your family when outsiders criticize them or question your family when something feels wrong?
26. Be remembered as a good person or live according to your own definition of good?
27. Know what everyone really thinks of you or never hear another person's judgment?
28. Keep a damaging secret to protect someone you love or reveal it and risk destroying their life?
29. Belong completely to your community or belong completely to yourself?
30. Have parents who expect greatness from you or parents who expect nothing from you?

WORLD-SPECIFIC

31. Build Rahmat's American Dream in Northern Virginia or start over somewhere nobody knows your family?
32. Have your children attend prestigious schools but face intense expectations or ordinary schools with complete freedom?
33. Grow up fluent in your family's Afghan traditions or fully embrace the social life of your American classmates?
34. Live in the Riverside house everyone envies or live somewhere modest where your family isn't constantly compared with others?
35. Have an Afghan-American community that will rally around you in a crisis but knows everyone's business or live among strangers who never judge you?
36. Be the child your immigrant parents sacrificed everything for you to become or the child who proves their sacrifices don't determine your future?
37. Have your family story reported nationally after a tragedy or keep it private while strangers invent their own version?
38. Be judged by your own community's cultural expectations or by outsiders who may misunderstand those expectations completely?
39. Live between two cultures and constantly translate yourself or choose one identity and stop explaining yourself?
40. Have everyone in your community remember you differently or have everyone agree on one version of you that isn't entirely true?

RAPID FIRE MODE (60-Second Round)

- Family reputation or personal freedom?
- Supreme Court career or makeup-artist dream?
- Tell your parents everything or keep one secret life?
- Rahmat's ambition or Zorah's rebellion?
- Omer's protection or Zorah's independence?
- Success or authenticity?
- Protect someone's reputation or tell the truth?
- Community belonging or total independence?
- Prestigious school or creative freedom?
- Be admired by everyone or understood by one person?

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your first impressions of the book?
2. Which character did you relate to the most, and why?
3. What themes or messages did you take away from the story?
4. How did the setting influence the story? Could it have taken place somewhere else?
5. Were there any moments that surprised or shocked you?
6. How did the main character change throughout the book?
7. What was your favorite moment or scene in the book?
8. How did the author build tension or suspense in the story?

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

9. Were there any parts of the book that felt slow or hard to get through?
10. Did the book's pacing feel right, or did it lag or move too fast?
11. Was there a scene that you wished had gone differently? How would you change it?
12. How did the relationships between the characters affect the story?
13. Were there any significant symbols or motifs that stood out to you?
14. What was the central conflict in the book, and how was it resolved?
15. Did you find the ending satisfying? Why or why not?
16. What might happen to the characters after the story ends?

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

17. What was the most thought-provoking or meaningful quote from the book?
18. Did the book remind you of any other stories or real-life experiences?
19. If you could ask the author one question about the book, what would it be?
20. Were there any characters you disliked or found hard to understand?
21. What would you say is the moral or lesson of the story?
22. Did the title of the book reflect the story well?
Why or why not?
23. What emotions did the book stir in you while reading it?
24. If you could change one thing about the book, what would it be?

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

25. How did the book's narrative style (first person, third person, etc.) affect your reading experience?

26. What role did secondary characters play in the development of the main character or plot?

27. Was there a moment in the book where you disagreed with a character's decision? What would you have done?

28. If this book were adapted into a movie, which actors would you cast for the main roles?

29. How did the book balance dialogue and description? Did you prefer one over the other?

30. What part of the story or a particular character do you think will stay with you the longest?

Good People

Patmeena Sabit

Overall	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	Spice	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Plot	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	Tears	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Characters	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	Surprises	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
World Building	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	Humor	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆
Ending	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	Comfort	☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

 Favorite Character

 Favorite Part

DISLIKES

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