



A BRIEF MOMENT IN TIME

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Receiving Party
Name: Jennifer Brooks
Signature: *Jennifer Brooks*
Title: Executive Assistant

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Dear Reader,

Thank you so much for choosing *A Brief Moment In Time* for your book club.

The idea for this book came to me in 1996 while driving home from my first job out of college, just outside Boston. I still lived at home in Leominster and had a very long commute. The music I listened to and the things I saw at that job inspired me to put my thoughts on paper.

Thirty years later, I feel incredible joy as I send *A Brief Moment in Time* out into the world to share with you.

I've included drinks and food for your book club night, inspired by the characters favorites. Music was a big influence while writing certain scenes, and I've included that playlist for you. Lastly, there are some starter questions for your group to start the conversation.

Writing Jen's story was an absolute joy. I hope the twists and turns keep you hooked as Jen tries to make her way through each of her decisions.

Happy Reading!

Erin

I welcome the opportunity to join your book club conversation in person when possible, or virtual. Contact me via my website.





SIPS

Jen's favorite non-alcoholic drink

Iced cold Coke, with a straw

Jen's favorite Beer

Coors Light chilled

From The Pink Flamingo

Whiskey straight up or a Whiskey crush – a mix of bourbon, lemon juice, simple syrup, and muddled mint, shaken and served over crushed ice.

The Bosses favorite

Manhattan – 2 oz rye whiskey or bourbon, 1 oz sweet vermouth, and 2 dashes of Angostura bitters with ice, then straining into a chilled glass.



BITES

From The Boarder

Nachos – Layer tortilla chips with shredded Monterey Jack and cheddar, topped with black beans

From Frankie's "apartment"

Pizza bites – pita crackers, pizza sauce, grated mozzarella cheese, diced green bell peppers, diced onions, mini pepperonis

From Back Bay Grille

Sliders – King's Hawaiian rolls, hamburger, your chose of cheese



SWEETS

Jen's Late Night Snack

Chocolate covered popcorn



PLAY LIST

OPENING SCENE

Jen driving home and sees Ernie
All I Wanna Do – *Sheryl Crow*

JUNE 16, 1995

CHAPTER 3 We meet Frankie
Jack-Ass – *Beck*

JULY 5, 1995

CHAPTER 1 Jen's first day at Harris Bell Paper Company
Firestarter – *The Prodigy*

JUNE 14, 1996

CHAPTER 3 Amy enters Frankie's "apartment"
Stupid Girl – *Garbage*

APRIL 26, 1996

CHAPTER 1 Jen driving to then witnessing the unthinkable
Down by the Water – *PJ Harvey*

JUNE 16TH, 1996

CHAPTER 1 Jen wakes up from a dream
Where Do I Begin – *The Chemical Brothers*

CHAPTER 2 Jen leaves her mother's house
The Day I Tried to Live – *Soundgarden*

CHAPTER 5 Jen talks with Frankie in the hospital
My Sweet Prince – *Placebo*

CHAPTER 7 Jen and Diego sit in Jen's car after leaving the hospital
Fuzzy – *Grant Lee Buffalo*

CHAPTER 11 Jen is on the plane heading to Denver
Sabotage – *Beastie Boys*

NOVEMBER 22, 2001

CHAPTER 1 Song Brian is singing in the kitchen
Name – *The Goo Goo Dolls*

DECEMBER 11, 2001

CHAPTER 1 Jenny and Brian drive to the Logan airport
Hey Hey You Say – *Papas Fritas*

ENDING CREDITS

The Movie – *Aerosmith*



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who was your favorite character and why?
2. Jen begins the story wanting more than her small-town life. Did you relate to her ambition or restlessness?
3. At what point did you begin to feel something was “off” about Jen’s new job?
4. Which character did you trust the most throughout the story? Did that change by the end?
5. Who did you trust least in the story, and did that change by the end?
6. Which character did you dislike the most and why?
7. What was the most memorable or shocking scene or twist in the story and why?
8. Are there moments where Jen could have done something differently to get help? What stopped her, and was that believable?
9. Which supporting character would you like to know more about?
10. The book hinges on what Jen saw. Did you trust her account of events, or did you find yourself questioning her perception?
11. What do you think happens to the characters after the novel concludes?
12. If you could ask the author one question about the story, what would it be?