



Season 4, Episode 47: Never Have I Ever!

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Meredith Monday Schwartz 00:10

Hey readers. Welcome to the Currently Reading podcast. We are bookish best friends who spend time every week talking about the books that we've read recently. And as you know, we don't shy away from having strong opinions. So this week, you really need to get ready.

Kaytee Cobb 00:25

We are light on the chitchat heavy on the book talk and our descriptions will always be spoiler free. Today, we have a very special episode for you.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 00:33

I'm Meredith Monday Schwartz, a mom of four and full time CEO living in Austin, Texas. And never have I ever been more looking forward to recording this show.

Kaytee Cobb 00:42

And I'm Kaytee Cobb, a homeschooling mom of four living in New Mexico. And I love playing games, especially bookish ones. This is episode number 47 of season four. And we are so glad that all of us are here.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 00:55

Right Kaytee. We are all here. So I'm going to have you guys say hi. There's five co hosts on this show. Five people's a lot on a podcast so we're going to try to be super organized about it. All right, Kaytee is here. I'm here. Mary, you're here?

Mary Heim 01:09

Hi. Yeah, I'm so excited for this episode. This is gonna be so much fun.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 01:13

Yes, it is. Mindy, you're here.

Mindy Brouse 01:15

Hi, everybody. Can't wait to see how this plays out.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 01:18

And Roxanna, you are joining us for the first time on a group show.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 01:22

Yes. I'm so excited to see everybody.

Kaytee Cobb 01:26

Oh, my goodness.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 01:28

All right. Yes. All right. So Kaytee, as we came to the end of the season, we always like to plan some special episodes just to do things a little bit differently, shake things up a little bit. Kaytee, you had an idea for the episode that normally we do an ask us anything, but we sort of felt like you guys have asked us everything. You're not interested in our favorite pasta dish or any of that. So Kaytee, you had a wonderful idea. Tell us what it is and how today's episode is going to work.

Kaytee Cobb 01:57

Yes, I will shout out Meg Tietz here and Sorta Awesome Show because they did a group episode a couple months back where they played Never Have I Ever together on mic. So we decided to take that idea and run with it because Meg, Meg does hysterical stuff. And I love listening to that show for a reason. And we decided to turn it into a bookish Never Have I Ever game. So if you guys, you know were in college ever, or drink under age, you may have played this game. And we want you to play along with us today. Each of us is going to bring a statement in in a round robin format that "Never have I ever" fill in the blank. If you're playing in college, maybe you'd say "Never have I ever played spin the bottle", and then anybody around the table would have to drink if they have played spin the bottle. And you can even use it to call yourself out or to make a little confession. Oh no, I actually have Haha, I'm going to take a drink for my own. Never have I ever. So we're going to see how this works. We came up with some bookish prompts, hoping there's some fun conversation but keep track of your own scores. Friends, we want to know how you did with regard to our Never Have I Ever game.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 03:07

Right and Kaytee, you are going to keep track of our points. We decided not to drink because we thought that might get really messy just a few minutes in. So instead, we thought that we would keep points. So at the end of it, we're trying to have as few points as possible. That's the point of making.

Kaytee Cobb 03:25

It's like golf. Of course, if you're like me and you play mini golf, then you know that you're actually going for as many points as possible.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 03:33

Okay, all right. All right. So either way, top or bottom. You win.

Kaytee Cobb 03:39

Everybody's Okay.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 03:41

Okay. All right. So let's start, Kaytee, because you had this idea, this inspiration from Meg's fantastic idea, let's start out with your first Never Have I Ever.

Kaytee Cobb 03:51

Okay, I'm gonna start us a little tame, but I just don't know who all is going to have to take a point for this. So I'm going to start with "Never have I ever hidden a book or a book haul from my significant other and been embarrassed to show him what I was reading".

Meredith Monday Schwartz 04:09

All right, Roxanna, do you get a point for this?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 04:13

I'm trying to think if I have ever. I probably I get a point for this. I think so. I'm I don't know if I've like deliberately hid it. But I'm sure if he asked me what I was reading like if I think about A Court of Mist and Fury chapter 55... Probably wouldn't share that.

Kaytee Cobb 04:30

That's not a read aloud situation in your house? Oh, honey, let me tell you what I'm reading right now.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 04:34

Do you have wings honey? Just wanted to ask. Just checking. That would be ideal.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 04:39

Right? Any wings? We could we could get from me with tattoos. Right. Alright, Mindy, what about your book color book?

Mindy Brouse 04:47

Yeah, definitely get a point for that. I actually almost put that on there. I was like, oh, no, wait, like, I've done that. So yeah, yeah, definitely. Sometimes purchases come straight up to my room.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 05:00

Alright Mary, what about you?

Mary Heim 05:01

Am I have the lone? The lone not getting a point in this one? I think it's a benefit that my husband is bookish that I can be like, "Hey, babe, look at these great books that I got. Would you like to read any of them? Just kidding. They're all for me." So he knows. Our house is also too small. He knows what's coming to the door, but he also knows my bookish hauls for sure.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 05:22

Right. I don't get a point for this either. I don't hide. I don't hide my books from Johnny, my my books in particular, or my book hauls at all. I'm at a point where I'm like, "You know what, this is how I'm spending my money. You're just gonna have to be okay with it."

Kaytee Cobb 05:36

That's how I am too when Jason and Jason knows he, you know, can buy whatever mountain bike BS he needs to buy and I get to buy all the books I need. And need is in quotes. Yeah.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 05:48

Yeah. All right. Roxanna, your first Never have I ever for us.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 05:54

Okay, I guarantee everyone's gonna get a point for this except me. And it's not bad. It's just kind of, like, absurd. As I was looking back I realized "Never have I ever read a thriller".

Kaytee Cobb 06:10

Oh my word.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 06:14

Like in yeah, I've never read one. I read Gone Girl. I think that's the closest so I don't know if that counts. But nothing with a black cover. Nothing. That's like The Woman in the Window. The Girl On the Train the whatever? Just all the...

Kaytee Cobb 06:30

The heiress in the

Roxanna Kassam Kara 06:31

Yeah, I just I've never, Yeah, they just never appealed to me.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 06:37

That makes sense to me. That that doesn't surprise me..

Kaytee Cobb 06:40

Wait, do we count Gone Girl as a thriller? Because I feel like I would.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 06:45

I think Gone Girl is the thriller. And I think the reason to start it after Gone Girl is because that's when I feel like everything with thriller started. Well, you could say went to pot. But I think you know, you can sort of read Gone Girl decide that that kind of book is not for you. And that came out in what 2008
When did Gone Girl come out?

Kaytee Cobb 07:08

That feels right.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 07:09

A long time ago. If she hasn't read a single thriller, and all of that time, I think more than anything, Roxanna, it speaks to the fact that you are not, you don't have a lot of bookish FOMO that a lot of the rest of us struggle with.

Kaytee Cobb 07:21

Right? Well, she just read Hunger Games. I mean, my goodness.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 07:25

Yeah, the more people that know about it, the less the less I want to read it, though. I will say I actually adored Gone Girl. I loved it. But I couldn't find anything that was like that. So I just I never read anything like that again. But yeah, I don't. I have FOMO in many, many areas of my life. Let's be clear, but books are not one of them.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 07:45

And Mindy, you've read thrillers.

Mindy Brouse 07:47

Oh, yeah, but never have I ever read Gone Girl. So...

Meredith Monday Schwartz 07:54

You should check it out.

Mindy Brouse 07:55

Yeah, I guess I'm gonna have to now but yeah, I love thrillers. Yeah.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 07:59

Mary, you've read thrillers.

Mary Heim 08:00

Point me up on this one for sure. Although I'm rarely satisfied by thrillers, I get sucked into the FOMO. It's one that I'm always like, "Oh, it's gonna be great". And then I'm, it's like popcorn. I eat it. I'm not satisfied. I like you know, consumed it quickly. But yeah, for sure. I've read them.

Kaytee Cobb 08:17

But you're hungry an hour later?

Mary Heim 08:19

Yeah, I'm hungry an hour later. Give me another book.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 08:21

Right. And I of course, I've read thrillers, but I get sucked in by the, by the premise. The premise is what gets me. It's not really the FOMO it's that like, I just think this, this premise sounds so good.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 08:34

Yeah. And you've had some good ones lately, right Meredith like that you're gonna bring?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 08:39

Yes, I have. I brought a couple of really, really good ones and my summer reading tends towards more of that kind of commercial thriller reading. So I've got a few more on deck. So you're gonna be you're gonna be hearing more of those. All right, in Kaytee, you're giving yourself a point for that one.

Kaytee Cobb 08:54

Yep. I sure as shooting got a point for that. Right. We're not getting points per thriller, because it would not looking good for me.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 09:02

That would be, that would be a problem. All right, Mindy, what's your first Never Have I Ever?

Mindy Brouse 09:05

Let's see, "never have I ever read a section from a romance aloud to my husband", for any particular reason at all.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 09:15

Okay, that's a good one. Mary, do you get a point for that? Do you read aloud?

Mary Heim 09:19

I don't to Jeremy. I will, I mean, we like read books aloud. I don't think I've ever read aloud from a romance novel to him. However, I have told him and he's on board. He's just in a bit of a slump. But I've told him that he needs to read and I think would enjoy reading The Bromance Book Club, which you all know is like my latest loves, about husbands reading romance novels to better understand their wives. And he was like, Yeah, I'd read that. So I haven't read aloud to him, but I will push romance novels onto him.

Mindy Brouse 09:52

Okay, yeah, because this meant like yeah, read a section. A steamy section.

Kaytee Cobb 09:59

I haven't done that either, though. Okay, I would read them aloud to you Mindy to make you embarrassed. I wouldn't do it to Jason.

Mindy Brouse 10:06

I should have said to my best friend or one of my best friends so that she passes out. Yeah. Okay.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 10:12

I don't get a point for this either because I don't like... I like to read the sexy stuff but I don't want to hear it out loud. I don't want to hear it in an audio book. I don't want to read it. I don't really even want Johnny to know that I just read that because then when I go attack him, he's like, "Wait, is it me? Or is it the

book?" and I just don't want to have that conversation. Doesn't matter. Right? I just don't like just stop talking. So I don't I don't mention it at all.

Mindy Brouse 10:37

Okay. All right.

Mary Heim 10:38

I do like to screenshot like, sections that are funny to me and send them to friends. I will do that from time to time, but never to Jeremy. So... Alright, is it is it me? Because I think mine is going to tie in really nicely to this. Yes. "Never have I ever had a dream about a book character" and you can interpret that as you will.

Mindy Brouse 11:00

I see. Yes. Okay, then.

Kaytee Cobb 11:02

Well, I'll take a point, my dear friends.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 11:07

Well, I had a question that was really really similar about Never Have I Ever pined for a character like with legit feelings. Now I got close in ACOTAR with Rhys, I got I got close. But no, never, never have I ever.

Kaytee Cobb 11:24

I mean, I've dreamed about sexy book characters and scary book characters and ones that like I'm best friends with when I finished the book. I have a very active dream life.

Mindy Brouse 11:35

I think I get a point. I I can't say for sure, but I'm fairly confident when I was reading the Harry Potter books because I didn't read them till six years ago. That and I read them all like, you know, at one time when when I'm that in, into something deep into something I dream about it also. So I'm pretty confident I had some some kind of characters going on and in my dream life there

Kaytee Cobb 12:00

What about you Roxanna?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 12:01

I don't think, I'm trying to think back. I have a dream life like I have very technical or vivid dreams, but then I hardly ever remember them. And then you know, when you're like looking at the window, and you're like, I dreamed about a cake on top of a garage yesterday or something and you're like what, you know, so I'm trying to think if I have dreamed about a literary character. I don't think I have. I don't think I have and I don't think except for like the the close to that cameras. I agree Rhys would be the one I would have pined for if I pined for one. I think I pined more for best friends, like, you know, in a

book, oh my God, I wish that woman was real because she just be the best person like I could totally be her friend. So that that more than then the romance ones.

Mindy Brouse 12:47

I will chime in too if we're going to answer Meredith also, because I would agree Roxanna that I have, I have pined for certain people to be able to hang out with just to be friends with. Harry from Harry's Trees, for sure. And then the characters in A Place For Us. There's different people that I've just loved, that I've been like, Oh, could we just can we just go to lunch? I would love that, like in it like in a really, really real way like yeah, like Roxanna, like you're saying, if they could be my best friend, it'd be so awesome. So I have definitely done that. Definitely.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 13:27

You know, it's interesting now that I think about it, I don't given how many strong female relationships I have in my life, my life is kind of very much built around strong female relationships. I actually don't pine as much for that in books, but Count Rostov from A Gentleman in Moscow was a character that it didn't pine for romantically, right. Yeah. And Gamache from the Louise Penny series, but I do feel a certain like, I think you know what I pined for, I think I pined for a father. I think that that's the relationship I'm most likely to pine for now that I think about it like,

Kaytee Cobb 14:10

Never Have I Ever book therapy right here.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 14:13

Yeah, no, I never put that together. But it's but it's really true. That's yeah,

Mary Heim 14:18

yeah. Or sometimes a character is so resonant that I'm like, I just wish you existed in the real world. Like the impact that you have in the bookish world that I am reading you in is so significant, that I wish you just existed in the world to have that impact in this reality that I'm living in. And I feel like Meredith those two characters that you named would be at the top of my list like I would love for Gamache or a Count to actually exist.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 14:45

An A.J. Fikry.

Mary Heim 14:46

An A.J. Fikry. Yeah, totally. Yeah.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 14:49

See, for me, Mary, it's less about their impact on the world. It's more to me about their worldview, and I wish I could absorb and suck in some that worldview like Count Rostov you know, I know I'll read over and over, because that's not me. And sometimes I really wish it was, you know, or I wrote a post on Instagram I'm reading The Shell Seekers again for like the 89th time, because I love Penelope Keeling, like, really I read it. I've read it every year since I was 12. But Penelope Keeling, who's like the

matriarch in that book, you know, has very strong values around family around gathering around creating a warm and friendly environment. But she doesn't give a flying fig about, like, you know, what people think or prestige or having the right sort of house car, clothes, etc, etc. And then that means that some of you know, some of her kids really resonate with that, some really don't, are super pissed off at her. But it's through the book you just learned. She's like, well, that's kind of the way it was. And you know, I led the best I could based on my values and glad it worked for one kid, too bad, too, but it is what it is. And even when I was a kid, like I read that being like, wow, like, that would be such a healthy place to be. And I will read that over and over because then I'm like, Okay, I'm living her life. I'm trying to absorb that point of view, like stick to your values. They may not be everyone's It's okay. So I just sometimes those worldviews are so they're so real to me, that I just need to absorb them over and over again.

Kaytee Cobb 16:20

All right, Meredith, what is your first Never Have I Ever are we counting that? The pinning?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 16:25

No, no, we're gonna get no let me this is more interesting.

Kaytee Cobb 16:28

She wants a new one. Okay,

Meredith Monday Schwartz 16:29

I want to, I want a freshy. Okay. Never have I ever had to replace a book at the library because I lost it.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 16:42

I've put librarian's children's through school with my fines and my replace like I literally I'm sure I paid for college educations with my and I take it like what am I gonna do, I meant to return it. I had 45 books. They're like 380 days late. Okay, here's \$1,000. I'm just joking. It's been like 40. But it's happened so many times. I feel no lick of guilt or anything. Or I'm just like, yeah, here you go. Whatever. I can't even one of my never had my evers was that Never have I ever returned to book on time ever in my life.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 17:22

You don't feel a lick of guilt about it. I feel so much righteous glory about the fact that I have never, I am so filled with the pride. I am such a Nazi in my home about library books in order to keep that unblemished record. It is so important to me that this one is very key to me.

Kaytee Cobb 17:49

I've had to replace a library book.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 17:51

You had to replace one. Yeah,

Kaytee Cobb 17:54

Well, yes. I had set my coffee on my book, which why would why would I do that. And then one of my kids hit the table and the coffee spilled over the edge of the cup. And so there was like a perfect coffee splat like down the edges of the book and everything. And they were like, Yeah, ma'am, we cannot. I bought a new one. Here you go. You. Obviously I ruined this book.

Mindy Brouse 18:16

You did that? Is that how you did it? You just brought them a new one.

Kaytee Cobb 18:19

I did, because it was way cheaper to buy on Amazon.

Mindy Brouse 18:22

Ok because I get all the points. I also have always said that I found it the new wing of our library back in Texas, because of late fees, was thrilled to death to move here and they don't have them. Which is I finally started that's when I started using the library again, because Paul was like, the library is not free for you. So I need you to stop using it. Because we can't just go buy the freaking books like stop it.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 18:50

But remember, I'm not saying never have ever paid a late fee that I've absolutely paid late fees. Right. But I'm saying last a book and had to replace it. So just so I'm clear about parameters of the Never have I Ever.

Mindy Brouse 19:03

Okay, yeah. So I lost one of the ones when I was doing the press list. It was like this special one they had to get sent from somewhere. It was this dang children's picture book about pears or something? I think I don't it was Kaytee, I think pressed it. It was a picture book.

Kaytee Cobb 19:23

Mindy I could have read that one aloud to you. Why'd you borrow it?

Mindy Brouse 19:29

well, I didn't think it was the thing until I lost the frickin book. And yeah, so I had to Yeah, I had to pay for that one. And I mean, we let's just say the Brouse's like to help up the new stock at libraries sometimes. So

Roxanna Kassam Kara 19:46

You're civic minded you don't lose books. And you're a very giving citizen.

Mindy Brouse 19:53

One time they actually said they actually said look, this is such an old book. We're just nobody has checked except you

Meredith Monday Schwartz 20:00

You took it out of circulation,

Mindy Brouse 20:04

they said it was gonna probably go out,

Mary Heim 20:07

put it out of its misery. I would have been team Meredith on this until like three weeks ago, when I was reading, ironically enough, *How to Manage Your Home Without Losing Your Mind*. No, no, no. And I set it next to my humidifier at night. And I woke up the next morning, and it was all wavy from the water like the mist of the humidifier. And I wasn't even thinking and I just threw it in the pile to bring back with books. And they called me and they're like we need you can, ma'am, you have to pay for this. So I went back there and I was like, I liked it enough. I'll just take this back. Now I have a really janky copy of that book on my shelf to always remind me that it is okay to not have a pristine, imperfect home and maybe you have a wavy copy of a book from the library that you've ruined that you had to pay for.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 20:56

a copy of a book about managing your house.

Mary Heim 21:00

Yeah. Yep, did it up big. So give me a point.

Kaytee Cobb 21:08

That's amazing.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 21:10

All right, Kaytee, we're back to you. Are you ready for another one?

Kaytee Cobb 21:15

Okay, let's see. I am going to go with *Never Have I Ever* DNF'd a book that grossed me out because of sex or violence. I've DNF'd for other reasons. But have I set it down for too much sex or too much violence?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 21:33

These are good ones. Kaytee, you like they're very specific. And you thought I like them.

Kaytee Cobb 21:37

That was my idea. I felt like I couldn't just lowball it.

Mindy Brouse 21:43

I feel like I have to have a point for this. Like I'm confident I have stopped a book but I can't think of one.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 21:49

So I don't think I've done this. So I wouldn't get a point.

Kaytee Cobb 21:54

No. Okay. And you have like, no points. Meredith. We need to really start gunning for you. Yeah,

Meredith Monday Schwartz 21:59

I don't stop books. Unless they're boring.

Kaytee Cobb 22:04

And sex is not boring. And neither is violence.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 22:06

Well, no, it's not necessarily going to be the reason I keep reading but it's not going to stop me right sir. Violence is not going to stop me. Yeah, right. being bored. will stop me.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 22:19

So I have I'm sure I can't think of one I'm sure I have DNFd for violence because I just anything graphic and I'm out. Sex would never stop me though. I was just listening to Slippery Creatures. Has anybody read that by KJ Charles, the Will Darling adventures? Okay, so it's a great like Golden Age mystery kind of post World War One spy thriller kind of idea. It's really really great. Actually was really smart, the will darling characters awesome. Like talking about pining for somebody, he's great. But it's a male male relationship. And, you know, KJ Charles pulls out all the stops and it was audio. And so I like walking along and my nice leafy walk in the cemetery waving to the guy with

Meredith Monday Schwartz 23:03

the crossing guard.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 23:04

Yeah, yeah, exactly. Meredith knows exactly. waving to the lovely crossing guard. What a nice day. Meanwhile, I'm hearing about interesting things in my ears. So

Meredith Monday Schwartz 23:15

You guys, I have to tell you, I just have to tell you. One of the joys of my life is listening to Roxanna in her all of her Canadian niceness, interact with other incredibly nice Canadians while she's out walking. The exchanges that they have could be on SNL. As far as how much they sound like a parody of Canadian society is hilarious to me.

Kaytee Cobb 23:42

So she's like recording, and then just keeps recording.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 23:45

She's Voice Memoing, right. So she's talking to me, but then she can't walk past the crossing guard without greeting and having a conversation about the weather. And it's just it's, it's a joy of my life. I love it so much. I'm sorry, I interrupted you.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 23:59

Well, we never take the weather for granted here in Toronto, Meredith. So if it's a nice day, we're damn well gonna say to each other, What a beautiful day. Don't you love it? Because tomorrow it's gonna friggin snow and we'll have to comment on how miserable it is. So we never let that go. And yeah, I'm Voice Memo being on the way back from dropping my kids to school and then we always have to talk the crossing guard. So we say hello, excetera she gets all of that. Yeah listening to this one. I was like, what a nice day as this man is anyway, it was a it's a great book. I would just and I actually have usually have no problem with sex in my years. It's not like it's whatever but I will say this one it was a lot. So maybe try this one. Well, maybe try it on audio if it's your thing or try it meeting if it's your thing. It's a great book.

Kaytee Cobb 24:45

While you chop an onion?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 24:46

Yeah. Right. It's actually I will just tell you because it's such a fascinating book. So it's called Slippery Creatures by KJ Charles.

Kaytee Cobb 24:53

I don't even really like the title Roxanna I like don'tthe word slippery.

Mindy Brouse 24:58

You had me at the title... moist adjacent.

Kaytee Cobb 25:02

It's adjacent to moist.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 25:03

I don't know why its called that. It's not that kind of Amazon like Kindle free cover. It's nothing like that. It's really is like a golden age mystery. It sounds like it should be one of those covers. It's not. It's a golden age mystery. It looks really nice. And it's a book about this guy, this war veteran comes back from World War One, he's still really young, and he inherits a bookstore, see, not what you'd expect, from his uncle. And, you know, has like 40,000 books in here and likes books, but like, it's like, Why does my uncle collect all these books? There's no system. And then randomly, one day a guy comes in and says the word daffodil. And he's like, No, I'm sorry, sir. We don't have any gardening books. Maybe we do look in the back and the guy's like daffodil! And he's like, I have no idea what you're talking about. And the guy punches him and tries to kill them, and leaves, but he's a war vet so he can keep his own. And then figures out okay, my uncle was involved in keeping some sort of spy secrets. And their spy counter spy who's keeping secrets who's not something iand the bookstore is very much a part of that plot, but not in a nice saccharin way, but in a really integrated to the plot way. It's a super interesting book. And yeah, the title, not the best title.

Mindy Brouse 26:13

No. Yeah. Wow.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 26:17

It sounded very interesting.

Kaytee Cobb 26:19

It does sound. Interesting.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 26:20

Mindy, have you done this? Have you

Mindy Brouse 26:23

I already forgot.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 26:24

Have you DNFd a book for sex or violence?

Mindy Brouse 26:27

I'm confident I have. I'm confident I've DNFd for sex. Yes, I have to have I just can't think of one. But I'm well, and the other problem is I don't DNF now, because you guys have kind of eased me into the water of these books. And so now books that I probably would have DNFd a while, like two years ago, I'm not DNFing. So I'll be very curious to see two years from now if I'm like, Yeah, okay, whatever. I don't know.

Kaytee Cobb 26:54

That would be exciting.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 26:55

Yeah. I love it. Alright, Mary, what about you? What about you? I can't guess.

Mary Heim 27:00

Yeah, so I am like, kind of HSP adjacent reader, I'm usually fine. But as Roxanna was talking, I was like, I've definitely DNFd an audio book for violence. And it was I Am Pilgrim. And there was a scene that was in my ears that I was like, Nope, can't I think if I Yes, Meredith notes, she's making a gesture right now, that is absolutely the scene that I was like, I cannot listen to this. I think if I were reading it on paper, I would have just flipped through a little bit and I would have been fine. But I couldn't listen to it in my ears. And I thought someday I'd come back to it. And I never have that was like five years ago. So definitely, definitely for violence, particularly audio. I can't hear it. And I for sure DNF not commonly, but yeah, I have.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 27:49

You know what book I almost see enough but didn't but should have was The Roanoke Girls. That book had so much incest in it. That it was it was very icky. Yeah, very, very, very icky. So almost I did, but I finished it but it shouldn't have. Okay, Katie,

Kaytee Cobb 28:13

That was mine. Roxanna.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 28:15

Roxanna, what's your next one?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 28:16

Okay, I might get kicked off of this. We'll see. I'm never have I ever in my adult life owned more than 50 books.

Kaytee Cobb 28:27

Holy banana hammock. What

Meredith Monday Schwartz 28:30

You're going to you're going to those days are getting ready to end sister.

Kaytee Cobb 28:34

You're about to move. You're gonna have so much room

Mary Heim 28:36

Join us on this point filled dark side.

Kaytee Cobb 28:41

Points for everyone. Points for everybody. Yeah.

Mindy Brouse 28:45

Everybody drinks and toasts. Roxanna for a year from now we'll check in see how that's going.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 28:51

No, it's not. Um, it's not a discipline thing. Trust me. I like I have a lot of stuff. I'm for sure no minimalist in my like, you know. I look at Instagram accounts and pretend like I was. I'm not I have lots of collections. But in books. I don't I don't know. I don't. I don't look at them. Like, you know, Kaytee, sometimes, like I look at my shelf, and they see all my friends that I remember. I see to dos. I see to dos or I see clutter. Like, oh, I've read this. So I don't need it. Or this one. I haven't read it. Oh my god, it's stressing me out. Except for a few that are like my lifelong favorites. You know, or like cookbooks. And I have some time management books that are like those like nonfiction, so you know, productivity ones. Otherwise, I'm like, Oh, my God, I can't avoid all these books after me. Oh, my God, oh my God. That's why I get them from the library. Even though I like now I'm going to say like, maybe did I funded a wing of the library. I still do that. Because I'm like, I can't imagine. If I had all these books, it would just stress me out, like looking at my big literary to do list.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 29:49

Well, one of the things that's interesting about you that I'm polar opposite on is that when we decide, for example, that we're going to read a book together, we'll kind of like decide this is going to be our next

book. I will like, if I don't own it, I will download it on Kindle and I will order it and I will go to the store to get like I need to have it right then. But you're very calm about it, you're like, Well, I think I'm getting like two weeks that should come in from the light like you, it really doesn't bother you, like you don't feel rushed to like, own a book or have it in your possession. You're like, you know, it'll get here, and it'll be fine if it does. I like need to own all the books right now.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 30:28

But see, if I own them, I'm the opposite. If I own them, then I better read them. And oh my god, I got all these books, and I gotta read them. And then that stresses me out. So I'd rather just kind of wait, and then own it when I know I'm going to read it or borrow it. If I like it, then I buy it.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 30:43

I wonder if owning books makes me feel a level of control over them. Because it occurs to me that there's a lot of books that I feel this intense need to own, and I must get it by tomorrow. But then once I do, I'm like yeah, maybe I'll I'm not sure when I'm gonna read it now, but it's there.

Kaytee Cobb 31:03

That's your mood readerness. Yeah.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 31:05

I'm like that with clothes, but not with books. I like I'm a shopper. So I was like, I must have it tomorrow. And then I live in Canada. Right. So I'm like, well, that tank top, I'll take that out in July. Okay, it's February. It's fine. But at least I have it. Books, I don't know it doesn't.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 31:23

That's very, because I don't feel that way about clothes at all. That's very, very interesting. Mindy, what about you?

Mindy Brouse 31:31

Another question? Or the point? What Wait, did we get?

Kaytee Cobb 31:35

Yeah, I think we all got points.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 31:36

We all got point. Okay. We just

Mindy Brouse 31:38

50 books that's I just heard actually recently that if you have 1000 books, you have a library in your home, and I'm so into level above that, for sure, and to the 5050 is like, that's so cute. Like, I think Jubilee has 50 books in a room. But even if it wasn't me, I'd probably have 50 books just on my little shelf over here. Not my all my other ones. So yeah, yeah, I definitely would like the home librarian shirt now that once I knew that it was 1000 books, and you can count as a library. So.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 32:11

So 1000... So how do you guys keep track of them? How do you know what you have? And what you don't have? Do you just know like, I have a huge closet. I don't know everything that I have in it. So is it one of them,

Kaytee Cobb 32:20

but I have a steel trap.

Mindy Brouse 32:22

I just know I did try an app for a while that you scan it and keeps it but then I couldn't figure it out. But this was that was like 10 years ago, I could probably do it again. But that was mostly to make sure I knew where I had copies of books for homeschooling and stuff, certain copies of novels, but I just know and that's why color coding also works for me because I know what it looks like. I can see that book. I know. Like if we're looking for a book, I'll be like, Okay, guys, we need Daughter of the Mountain has a little girl in her outfit from from the Himalayas and her little puppy and it's white, and it's got a blue border, and they're like, Okay, and then they go look for it. You know?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 33:02

That is definitely not how my brain works. I have very little idea what the covers look like once I'm once I'm done with the book, but I do have a sense of what I own. But I do a lot of double checking. Like, these days, you know what we're offered an arc or we're offered a book, you know where I will I'm doing a lot of double checking to be to be absolutely sure before before I order.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 33:25

Yeah, Mary. Yeah, I feel like you have a small place like me. So you must

Mary Heim 33:30

Yeah, we have a teeny tiny house. So I definitely abide by if it doesn't fit in the bookshelf, I have to cull and I do cull very regularly, but we do still have a big bookshelf, and my daughter has a big bookshelf in her room, but it's if it doesn't fit, I gotta cull and I gotta let some go. So I've got I know everything that's on there. And I know what's needing to be read than what's already been read and what's a favorite and what are Jeremy's books but yeah, I'm like I think I'm in an in between. I'm like the middle of the spectrum on this one for sure.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 34:06

I feel like you could buy another bookshelf.

Mary Heim 34:09

That's not in this house. I couldn't maybe in my next house.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 34:13

I'm looking at a wall behind you

Kaytee Cobb 34:16

I got I got room for you right there.

Mary Heim 34:17

That's where the peloton is.

Mindy Brouse 34:19

What are those shelves now? They have like the high ones that go around the whole top of a room.

Mary Heim 34:25

All right, well, maybe

Roxanna Kassam Kara 34:28

Kaytee's hallway bookshelf. I'm like that. Oh, well. Yeah.

Mary Heim 34:32

I just want to live in that bookshelf. Kaytee, I'm just coming to New Mexico and live in your bookshelf.

Kaytee Cobb 34:36

I seriously like I'm I just like, click on the lights and stand there. Yeah, I'm like, Hi beautiful.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 34:43

Right? There's such a feeling of like, Oh, I'm surrounded by books that I chose. They're all the best books in this room. None of the not good books, all the you know what I mean? All the best books are in my library. So I Yes, I'm very I'm I collecting lots of books is a very big joy for me. Okay, Mindy, your your next question.

Mindy Brouse 35:07

Okay. Okay, hope this is okay. Never have I ever gotten pregnant or had a pregnancy scare as a direct result of book scenes that motivated my actions.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 35:21

Wow, I think you said you were bad at this game Mindy

Mary Heim 35:24

Mindy pulling out the stops

Mindy Brouse 35:27

That was the only one I had until Kaytee showed me some.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 35:31

You know what you're gonna have to give me a point for that.

Mindy Brouse 35:33

Yes!

Meredith Monday Schwartz 35:34

because I read Outlander right, right as I got pregnant with Jackson.

Mindy Brouse 35:40

Meredith that is where the question came from, is because a friend of mine had been trying to conceive and couldn't, couldn't, couldn't couldn't and they read Outlander together as a couple and got pregnant. And so they named the baby James.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 35:55

So I will. I was gonna say, we definitely talked about naming Jackson James and calling him Jamie. I didn't tell Johnny why that would have been especially.

Mindy Brouse 36:06

But there we go.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 36:09

All right. Yeah. What about you marry,

Mary Heim 36:12

I have never had a baby because of a book.

Kaytee Cobb 36:15

Me neither.

Mary Heim 36:16

I love that we're stocking Meredith up on the points now though. That's a good one to do it. Yeah.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 36:21

What a story. That'd be awesome. Yeah, right.

Mindy Brouse 36:25

Yeah. Yeah.

Mary Heim 36:26

That's pretty good story.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 36:27

All right. Good. That's a good question. Mindy. Excellent. All right, Mary, your next question.

Mindy Brouse 36:32

Wait, can I just go ahead and say I was really hoping to get Meredith on that one. Like I was specific, I was specifically aiming for Meredith on that one.

Mary Heim 36:41

I love it. Okay. My turn. Never have I ever read a book in a literal sitting. I have sometimes read a book in a day, but I'm too fidgety. Maybe like a graphic novel. But I can't sit down with a book, a novel, read it cover to cover and then get up. I am like, I gotta, I gotta move around. I'm too much of a mover and a shaker.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 37:03

All right, give me a point. Because I've done this a lot.

Kaytee Cobb 37:06

I basically did this yesterday. Yeah,

Mary Heim 37:09

I knew I knew y'all. I was like, I'm an outlier on this one for sure.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 37:14

I think I get three points. Because I have called in sick to work, not at this job just to sit at home and read the damn book and finish the book. So not a lot like but I was sick one day and started a book and was really sick. But then the next day, I probably could have gone in because

Meredith Monday Schwartz 37:37

What book was it? Do you remember?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 37:41

I think it was Eat, Pray Love. It was a long time ago. But yeah, and that's a book again, like I was not gonna read because everybody read this is before the hype. But still, it just wasn't my kind of book. But I really loved that book. I still love that book. Honestly, I will stand by it.

Kaytee Cobb 37:58

I feel like that in itself is a spicy opinion. Honestly.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 38:00

I can't stand that book, I don't I thought that was a book that and there aren't a lot of books fall in this category. I literally threw that book. I could not stand Elizabeth Gilbert in that book. I found her so well. I think really, if I think about it, it comes down to the fact that I've never experienced a life where I could do any like, it felt very

Roxanna Kassam Kara 38:30

privileged,

Kaytee Cobb 38:30

privileged,

Meredith Monday Schwartz 38:31

privileged. And I had just never I you know, like, I've been married and had kids since I was like, 10 years old. And so I just never had the ability to be like, I'm gonna go to Bali or whatever. And there's just something so and then just all of her sturm and drang. Oh, I absolutely can. I threw that book hard against the wall.

Mary Heim 38:56

I also love that book. But I was a very different reader when I read it. And when I was 20 I loved that book. And I am afraid I haven't read it since I was 20. Because I think now I would throw it across the room. But I loved it when I was 20 and I'm gonna let it live in 20 year old Mary's love and estimation forever, and it'll stay on my shelves, but I'll never crack it open again because I loved it and I think I would hate it.

Mindy Brouse 39:21

I think that's valid did sometimes we just need to leave books where they are. I've come close to that Roxanna. And it was The Firm back when it first came out. I I had I had a student teacher seminar I had to go to so I literally was reading walking in. I put the bookmark in, I sat on the front row. I watched her every time the head teacher said let's take a 10 minute break. Every time. She came up to me after like the third break she goes, I just finished that yesterday.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 39:57

One of the most, one of the most propulsive because that's The Firm and Pelican Brief. Both both of those books. For me, I definitely called in sick for The Hunger Games. It's the only it's the only book that I've ever called in sick and just said, You know what? No, I'm just I'm gonna it was the first Hunger Games.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 40:17

What is that book? Oh, you know, God, you just talked about it, Meredith. You talked about the one by the other author, the one on the mountain, where they all go up, and then there's the storm

Meredith Monday Schwartz 40:28

Into Thin Air

Roxanna Kassam Kara 40:29

Into Thin Air

Meredith Monday Schwartz 40:30

by Jon Krakauer.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 40:31

I didn't miss work, but I missed seven stops on the bus. While we Oh, seven stops, which is a lot. Purposeful Holy crap, and I rang the bell and the poor bus driver was like, oh my god, I'm so sorry. Did you ring it back there? Now you have to walk all this way. And I'm so sorry you're late and I was like, It's fine. Don't worry,

Kaytee Cobb 40:53

how Canadian of them.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 40:54

I'm just gonna read.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 40:57

Only in Canada is the bus driver, sorry that she missed seven stops.

Kaytee Cobb 41:02

Everybody else would be like Eff You

Meredith Monday Schwartz 41:08

and Roxanna is like explaining it like it's perfectly normal. And we're all like, what? Your bus driver spoke to you?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 41:18

Walking home, reading that book, like walking back, the seven stops, it took me like an hour. And then I told my best friend to read it and was like, You need to beat this right now. And she, it was her last day, she was she's a lawyer and it was her last day at the legal firm. And she like she was like, I have to go in of course, but I have to read this book. And so she got off two stops early on the subway to read it on the bench because she's like well they can't see me at work like reading. And I think one of the partners at work saw her and came by and was like, Is that the best book? Oh my god, it's such a propulsive book.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 41:52

So good. It's so so so so good. Alright, so now I know I'm supposed to be driving this and I've lost track of this because I've had a glass of wine.

Kaytee Cobb 42:00

It's your turn.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 42:01

Okay. All right. Never have I ever lied to a friend about how I felt about a book that they recommended to me.

Mary Heim 42:15

Which one of us have you lied to Meredith?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 42:17

No. I have not done it. No. I have not. Kaytee Do you get a point Kaytee?

Kaytee Cobb 42:26

I don't know if I have. I've definitely. I've definitely said oh yeah, maybe I'll read that someday. And then and then never done it. Okay, so does that count? It's not like I read it and I was like, Oh my gosh, it was so good and I actually hated it.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 42:50

You don't get a point. Because my question was, have you lied about a book that you how you felt about a book that you read that a friend recommended. Roxanna, have you? Have you done this?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 42:59

I can't remember I would never say oh my god. It was so good. I loved it. But I might have been like, yeah, yeah, I did read that book. Yeah, yeah. No, it was it was a good. It was a good book. Like I might have done that. And I'm trying to think I know that I the person's feelings would go first. So I would say something like that. I would never say no, I really didn't like that book. It wasn't for me. I would probably say, yeah, no, it was good book. I'm sure I've done that. Okay,

Kaytee Cobb 43:27

I definitely do that. I'm like, Mindy, come talk about this book with me that you said I would like and I hated it. Let's, let's record.

Mindy Brouse 43:34

That's one of her favorite thing that I hate.

Kaytee Cobb 43:36

It's my favorite thing.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 43:37

We love it. Yes. All right, Mary and I have a couple episodes to record because we have a couple couple of books that

Kaytee Cobb 43:44

couples spicy divergent opinions.

Mary Heim 43:46

We sure do.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 43:47

I love it. Mindy. Have you lied to a friend about how you felt about a book? Tell the truth.

Mindy Brouse 43:54

Yes.

Kaytee Cobb 43:55

Yes. She hangs her head in shame.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 44:00

Yes. Yes. You're an enneagram two. It would be really hard for you to do anything other.

Mindy Brouse 44:06

Thank you. We don't have to say what it is or who right?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 44:09

No, no. No, I mean, if you want to....

Mindy Brouse 44:13

Kaytee shut your mouth.

Mary Heim 44:18

It's more bookish therapy. I don't think I have I think I'm Team Kaytee that I probably have been like, Oh, thank you for that recommendation. That sounds great. And then I haven't picked it up because I feel like I you know, right? Like it's rare, especially all in all of us and so many of our bookish friends, the readers that you are, you know, your tastes you kind of have an idea of what's going to work for you and what's not. So I definitely have books that friends have lent to me. Or have said like, you should read this one and I have not, or they've sat on my shelf forever and I probably need to return them to their friends and just say like, I know myself, I'm not going to read this book. Thank you so much. But I don't think I've ever lied about it.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 45:03

Yeah, I definitely will I have no problem going, I'm never gonna read that. That's, I'm never gonna, I'm never or if I do I have no problem saying, because you know, we I think as we know, there's lots of ways you can talk about a book that are not going to make the person feel bad. You know what I mean? Yeah, exactly. But here's a ancillary question. Adjacent question. Have you, Have you ever read a book that a friend recommended and, that they loved? And has it slightly changed your opinion of them as a reader? Kaytee, you go first, my my friend.

Kaytee Cobb 45:40

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. For sure. This has happened to me. And then and then I start to, you know, slot that into my brain. And I'm like, well, in the future, I can take that into account.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 45:52

You might not be so quick to take their recommendation the next time. Roxanna, what about you? Have you heard that? Have you slightly changed how you feel about a reader after reading a book they recommended?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 46:02

Yeah, I think, I think for sure, it's been like, Huh, that's okay. That's okay. Yeah, that's great. Or, you know, what else? What drives me crazy? What changes my opinion is when somebody's like, you know, have you read? I don't know if you've heard about this book. It's really, really good. Like, it's really, it's a new one, you probably haven't heard Lessons In Chemistry, or like, something where you're like, Are you kidding me? Like, they're like, oh, I have the best recommendation for you. I'm sure you've not heard of it at all. And it's like, it's a book that's everywhere. And you're just like, please, if you recommend Book Lovers, to me, I want to just stuff your fist in your mouth. Like, I can't take it. And that changes my opinion, cuz you just think you're like, you're so you know, like, you're recommending somebody that's not a recommendation to me. That's like, that's a billboard, you know, that sometimes I'll spotted away like, Okay, this person's not really a reader. Like they're a reader. They read when something is hot, and it comes out. And then they're like, Okay, next year, there'll be something else. And so I know, okay, that's the kind of recommendation I get it and moving on. So judgy, so judgy, I'm so sorry, so that one really gets me.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 46:31

All right. Mindy, have you changed your opinion about a reader?

Mindy Brouse 47:13

I didn't know... I didn't know it's possible not to. So yes. Yeah. I mean, okay. To me, that's like, Well, duh, of course, you change your opinion about somebody. And to me, that's like, when people tell me they don't like Hamilton. I'm like, oh, oh, so you have character issues? Okay. You know, that's fine. Yeah. Okay. You know, that's yeah. Friends are not your heart. You bless your little heart. And so I didn't know that you can not do that. Like so, Paul, my husband doesn't though now that you were talking about this, he would be like, so what I'm like, What do you mean? So what? They don't like Hamilton, did you hear the sentence? That means they just went down some notches. So yeah, I've definitely done that about books. But but not very often, honestly. Like, because I know everyone has such different tastes. So like, it doesn't bother me that much, really, for books, you know. But there, there are definitely some that I hold near and dear that I'm like, Please don't tell me that. You don't like this book? Like, just don't say it out loud to me ever, because I just can't do that. Which plays into the previous question. Right. So when somebody is recommending something to me, I'm going to my grave with that. Like, that's never, that's never getting said.

Kaytee Cobb 48:41

Because you're worried their opinion of YOU will change

Mindy Brouse 48:44

Right. Correct. So yeah, that that will go to me and to my grave. Yeah.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 48:54

Interesting. Mary, what about you? Do you if you read a book that someone's like, Mary, you must read this book? Does your opinion of that reader change?

Mary Heim 49:02

I think a little bit and I think it's more so even that how I slate them in my mind adjacent to me as a reader changes of like, maybe our tastes aren't quite as similar as I thought, maybe I'm gonna, you know, be a little bit more critical of, or a little bit more particular about how I pick up their recommendations in the future. And there's been a couple of times where folks have recommended books to me and I've been like, that is really interesting. I wonder what kind of reader you think I am, that I that I, you recommended this book to me. And then I read it and I was like, what about me compelled you to think and not...

Roxanna Kassam Kara 49:43

Why would you set me up with this guy right?

Mary Heim 49:46

And it's like, it's no judgement to anybody else. Obviously, nobody knows me as well as I know myself. But like, it sometimes will just make me go. Interesting. Or maybe I'm going to maybe we're not twins. Or maybe you're my at bookish anti twin and then that's good information too.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 50:02

Which is very useful. I definitely have people that if I'm considering a book, I will look to see if that person how they have felt about it. And then that is a very useful guide a lot of the time, even if it's, you know, I'm looking to see if that person hated it, then it may be a real win for me and vice versa.

Mindy Brouse 50:21

I think Kaytee, I mean, like that book that I recommend, and I had zero idea Kaytee would hate it. The irony, that satire, like, I think this I thought this satire was hilarious.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 50:34

What book are we talking about?

Mindy Brouse 50:35

The Aardvark and something?

Kaytee Cobb 50:37

Consider the Aardvark

Mindy Brouse 50:39

I think that's right. Anyway, it was a it was a satire, and I died laughing. And I thought Kaytee would think it was hilarious too well, we said this already for what it was mocking and the type of people was mocking and she was like, Mindy, what the hell? Why? Why? And I'm like, You're not laughing? Like, do you not like, have tea coming out your nose laughing? She's like, No, like, well alrighty, then.

Kaytee Cobb 51:07

All right, but we figured that out. Mindy cannot recommend anything that like is Southern culture adjacent to me, because she has a completely different connection to that area of the country because

she grew up there and I don't get it is really what it comes down to. I just don't get it. And so like something that's funny, I'm like, but that was racist and gross. Like, I don't like it. And she's like, No, but... and I'm like, yeah, no.

Mindy Brouse 51:34

It wasn't even that wasn't even Southern, you know, but now I know. Okay, don't send her satires. Don't send her like there. But I think that's interesting. Because like, I, I felt like I knew Kaytee pretty well, you know what I mean? And I still, it was a huge bomb. And I was like, Well, alright, lesson learned. There we go.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 51:55

Okay, so we're gonna do one more to round us out today. Kaytee, what is your final question for Never Have I Ever?

Kaytee Cobb 52:03

Okay, I think this is really going to divide the introverts and extroverts among us is how this is going to play out. So Never have I ever brought a book to a concert or a party in order to read and ignore people. And I know some of you have done this. Come on. Who's who's taking a point here?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 52:20

I'm not going to take a point because I would want to Well, first of all, I would never go to a concert because I hate music. So there's that. And I despise parties. I hate parties. But if I go to one I do I definitely don't feel confident enough to just like, sit on a couch and read. I would never, I would never, I could never do that. No, I could never do that.

Kaytee Cobb 52:44

So that's not as scary as like going and talking to new people.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 52:49

No, because I go going to a party and not sort of participating the party feels wrong to me. Like that feels like the wrong thing to do. So no, I couldn't, I definitely couldn't do that. I could fake something and leave early to go home and read hundo p, but I can't. I can't I can't read there.

Mindy Brouse 53:08

I 100% agree Meredith. I could not do it. I would feel, I would feel so rude like I would, it would just I die a million deaths first. Now my children have done it. And I have been embarrassed to know end and gone and given them the mom talk, blah, blah, blah. But I couldn't do it. I could not do it. But I would definitely agree with you that I would leave early. If I wasn't having a good time, which is only certain social situations and people because I'm an extrovert and I love it. But I couldn't. I could not ever do that.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 53:42

Okay, Roxanna, what about you?

Roxanna Kassam Kara 53:43

I'm an extrovert. So well, I need a lot of introvert time. But I am an extrovert. And so like a dinner party, or even a bunch of people I don't know. Like, I'm usually pretty chill. I can, I can find people. But I remember once when I went to I went to London to visit my cousin after university. I wrote this in the book friends group. And he was like, Cool. You're coming over great, but we're gonna go this all night rave. And we're going to like, amazing in central London. It's going to be awesome. Listen, I'm going to be off doing like just hanging out. So you're gonna take care of yourself. You're cool with that, right? I was like, Uh huh. And this is like, that's like my nightmare, like rave music all night literally, until 6am. So I brought a book, and it was like by the speaker, blah, blah, blah. It was like going off like crazy. And I was reading my book. And that's what I did all night. What do you do?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 54:32

That is my own personal hell.

Mindy Brouse 54:35

That sounds hellacious. Nothing good about that experience at all. Oh, well,

Roxanna Kassam Kara 54:40

The book. I mean, I don't remember what book it was. But the fact that I had a book I think even part of it like I didn't have a book in the beginning from I remember I was remembering like, I was reading like a flyer or something like anything. I loved. I liked clubs, but and then I did, but not for not for like 12 hours or whatever it was. It was it was a crazy experience.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 55:01

We still have got to figure out why

Kaytee Cobb 55:04

I think you're tapping your desk. I think it's every time you set your hands down on the desk

Roxanna Kassam Kara 55:08

Is this it?

Mary Heim 55:09

Yeah.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 55:10

Yep, it's the desk. Okay. I'm gonna move my desk up. And so that way...

Mindy Brouse 55:17

Did you lower yourself?

Meredith Monday Schwartz 55:20

She just got lower.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 55:23

I have a standing desk. I moved it up. And that way the mic is by my mouth but I can't rest my hands on the desk.

Mindy Brouse 55:32

Perfect. Perfect solution.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 55:33

You look like a third grader.

Mindy Brouse 55:35

I like it. I feel tall. Thanks, Roxanna. Because on my screen, you're right next to me, so I'm looking really tall right now.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 55:43

That's hilarious. Oh my gosh, she cracks me up. Okay. What are we doing... Mary?

Mary Heim 55:48

Yeah, it's so definitely I am too extroverted for that for sure. However, I would extrovert real hard to empty my tank and then be like, alright, leaving early. I'm gonna go home and read my book for sure. So that's, that's where I would fall. That's my balance.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 56:04

All right, guys. I feel like this has been super fun and super educational. I feel like I learned things about you guys that I did not know before today. Some things I'm not gonna lie a little unsettling. But I think it's it's good that we know ourselves and we know each other and that the listeners know all of our different peccadilloes because it helps them to know, you know, whose recommendations they can trust.

Kaytee Cobb 56:29

Who they can trust. Not a person that only has less than 50 books in their house.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 56:35

Maybe that was the wrong one to share.

Kaytee Cobb 56:38

Oh, we love you, Roxanna.

Mary Heim 56:39

Yeah, we do.

Kaytee Cobb 56:41

Oh, I am gonna say, Mindy, you won slash lost with nine points. You had a lot of points, my friend.

Mindy Brouse 56:51

I knew I was gonna lose this. Well, who won who had had the least amount of points?

Kaytee Cobb 56:58

Meredith and Mary both had only four. All right. Wow, I love it.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 57:04

All right. That is it for this week. As a reminder, here's where you can connect with us. You can find me on Meredith at @Meredith.reads on Instagram.

Kaytee Cobb 57:13

And you can find me Kaytee at @notesonbookmarks on Instagram.

Mindy Brouse 57:17

And you can find me Mindy at @gratefulforgrace on Instagram.

Mary Heim 57:21

And you can find me Mary at @Maryreadsandsips on Instagram.

Roxanna Kassam Kara 57:26

And I'm Roxanna and you can find me at @Roxannatheplanner on Instagram.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 57:30

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Kaytee Cobb 57:41

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Meredith Monday Schwartz 57:48

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Kaytee Cobb 58:06

Yes, bookish friends are the best friends. Thank you all for helping us grow and get closer to our goals.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 58:12

Until next week, may your coffee be hot

Kaytee Cobb 58:14

And your book be unputdownable

Meredith Monday Schwartz 58:16

happy reading.

Mindy Brouse 58:17

Happy reading Happy reading

Roxanna Kassam Kara 58:28

Never have I ever hit on a guy gal because I saw what book they were reading.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 58:35

Oh, I 100% have to have a point for this because the very first time I got together with Johnny like outside of the place that we met, he drove up first of all in this totally panty dropper Mustang that was like the ultimate like 5.0 bla bla bla bla bla bla and on the seat was a copy of Donna Tartt's Secret History.

Mary Heim 58:58

Yeah, like he was made for you.

Meredith Monday Schwartz 59:03

In a workshop. He was made for me in a workshop yes I have ever

Roxanna Kassam Kara 59:07

Yeah that's a good one I yeah, I don't think that's ever happened to me. I've always dreamed it would happen to me and I've never it's never happened to me. Anybody else?

Mary Heim 59:16

I've like bonded with with guys that I've been dating over books, but I don't think it's ever been my meet cute although in another world where I'm not married. I would like that as a meet cute however, I'm married. I like him whatever fine we'll never meet over a cute book No, I don't get a point for that.

Kaytee Cobb 59:38

That was adorable.