

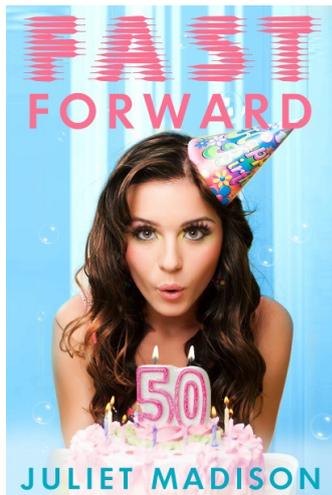
FAST FORWARD READING GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR BOOK CLUBS

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Aspiring supermodel, Kelli Crawford seems destined to marry her hotshot boyfriend, but on her twenty-fifth birthday she wakes in the future as a fifty-year-old suburban housewife married to the now middle-aged high school nerd.

Trapped in the opposite life of the one she wanted, Kelli is forced to re-evaluate her life and discover what is really important to her. Will she overcome the hilarious and heartbreaking challenges presented to her and get back to the body of her younger self? Or will she be stuck in the nightmare of hot flashes, demanding children, raunchy advances from her husband and hideous support underwear forever?

*Warning: some of these questions contain mild spoilers.

QUESTIONS:

1. If you could jump ahead to any time in the future, what age would you choose?
2. Did you feel sympathetic towards Kelli when she woke up aged fifty, or were you glad she got a rude wake-up call?
3. Kelli is overly concerned with her appearance. How much influence do you think society and media have on a woman's perception of beauty?
4. Kelli and her sister, Kasey, have a love-hate relationship. Do you think Kelli is more irritated by her sister or envious of her intelligence and ability to be true to herself?
5. How much influence do you think Kelli's mother had on Kelli's sense of self and confidence?
6. Kelli meets her boyfriend, Grant, in the future. Is there a boyfriend or girlfriend from your past that you'd like to see again, to see how they turned out?
7. Which scene in the book did you find the funniest?
8. What was your favourite overall scene or moment from the book?

9. Did the ending tie everything up the way you thought it would?
10. William was classed as a high school nerd. How did you view his character as a grown man?
11. Who was your favourite secondary character? (eg: Will, Kasey, Ryan, Diora, Elaine, Selena...)
12. Kelli believes that bungy jumping will launch her back to the past. If you were in her position, would you have gone ahead with it?
13. What's the bravest thing you've ever done?
14. Kelli is shocked by the birthday present from her son (a bungy jump). Have you ever received a shocking or embarrassing present?
15. Kelli visits a psychic in the hope of making sense of what's happening to her. Have you ever consulted a psychic, and if so, what was the experience like?
16. Kelli has a lot of growing up to do over the course of only one day. What was your opinion of Kelli at the end of the book compared to the start?
17. At what point do you think Kelli started falling for Will?
18. Which of the inventions or technological advancements seen in *Fast Forward* would you most like to have? (eg: yolkless eggs, e-pad, talking car, Kitchen Assistant, instant vacuum, automatic dishwashing chute, PBS – portable body scanner, cure for common cold, instant body dryer, smart lamp, automatic tissue dispenser, SlimFX Magic Suit – anyone? ;))
19. What do you most dread and most look forward to about getting older?
20. Has the book inspired you to perhaps follow a dream or make a positive change in your life? Is there something you've always wanted to do but haven't yet?

IDEAS FOR HOSTING A FAST FORWARD BOOK CLUB PARTY:

- Dress up as your twenty-five-year-old self
- Dress up as yourself, twenty five years from now
- Dress up in one of the costumes worn by the characters at Kelli's costume party
- Bring your favourite photo from the past to share with the group
- Talk about what you wanted to be when you grew up
- Serve cupcakes and have each person blow out a candle and make a wish for their future
- Go around the circle and have each person choose a year from the past, and get the person next to them to share what they can remember about their life during that year. Examples of things to discuss: how old they were, career/job, study, relationships, where they lived...etc.

*If you're hosting a face-to-face book club for *Fast Forward* and would like to hand out *Fast Forward* postcards/bookmarks that have been signed by Juliet, please contact info@julietmadison.com to discuss.

Thank you for reading Fast Forward!