Book Club Questions for

The Wind Knows My Name by Isabel Allende

- 1. Which themes in The Wind Knows My Name did you connect with the most, and how did they affect your personal experience of the book?
- 2. As you read about the Night of Broken Glass through the Adler family's eyes, what surprised you about this historical event that you hadn't known before?
- 3. Music acts as a source of comfort for Samuel. Have you experienced how music can transcend difficult times and soothe your own soul?
- 4. Leticia's faith in saints like St. Jude and St. Christopher is intriguing. Have you ever found solace or belief in unexpected places during challenging moments?
- 5. The novel shares two immigrant stories. Can you relate to any of their experiences on a personal level, and what makes them unique in your eyes?
- 6. Before reading about it, how familiar were you with the El Mozote massacre? Why do you think some tragedies remain less known, and how did this revelation affect you?
- 7. Samuel and Nadine's marriage faces a rift due to their differing choices. Which side of this conflict resonates with you, and why?
- 8. What were your first impressions of lawyer Frank Angileri, and did they change as you got to know him better in the story?
- 9. Selena's practical approach to problem-solving is highlighted. How does this viewpoint compare with your own way of tackling real-world issues?
- 10. The novel alternates between past and present, connecting the stories of Samuel and Anita. Did you find one timeline more compelling than the other? How did these dual narratives enhance your understanding of the characters and their journeys?
- 11. Anita's escapes into her imaginative world of Azabahar offer a contrast to the harsh realities she faces. Have you ever created a mental or creative refuge during difficult times? How do you see the importance of imagination in coping with adversity?
- 12. How did your feelings about U.S. border policies shift after reading this novel, if at all?
- 13. Samuel and Nadine maintain a 55-year marriage despite challenges. What aspects of their commitment do you find relatable or admirable based on your own views?

- 14. Characters like Samuel, Leticia, and Anita deal with trauma differently. Can you see parts of your own coping strategies in how they handle their hardships?
- 15. What parts of the story, characters, settings, or writing style stood out to you as favorites, and why did you personally enjoy them?
- 16. When you reached the end of The Wind Knows My Name, how did you personally feel, and what lasting impressions did the book leave on you?