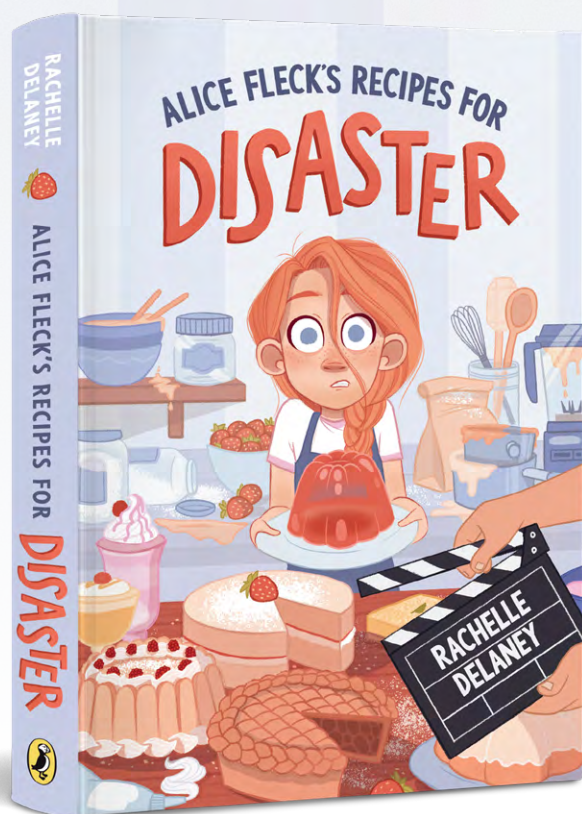


BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

ALICE FLECK'S RECIPES FOR DISASTER



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



RACHELLE DELANEY is the author of several middle-grade novels, including *The Metro Dogs of Moscow*, which was a CLA Book of the Year Honor Book, as well as a finalist for the Silver Birch Award and the Red Cedar Award, among others. Its sequel, *The Circus Dogs of Prague*, was shortlisted for the Pacific Northwest Library Association Young Reader's Choice Award. *The Bonaventure Adventures* won BC's Chocolate Lily Award in 2019, and *Clara Voyant*, her most recent novel, was shortlisted for the 2021 Chocolate Lily Award. Visit her online at www.rachelledelaney.com.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you were taking part in a cooking competition, what dish would you make to impress the judges?
2. Do you enjoy any reality TV competition shows? If so, what do you like about them? What draws you in? If not, why not?
3. Alice's dad tells a story about Marie-Antoine Carême, a young chef from the 1700s who became famous for his incredible pastry sculptures. If you were to make a pastry sculpture, what would you make? Try drawing it!
4. Are there any celebrity chefs that you have heard of? What are they known for?
5. When Alice finds out she'll be competing in a cutthroat reality TV cooking series, she's terrified. How would you feel if you were in her place? Could you handle being on a reality TV show? Why or why not?
6. What are some of the themes in *Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster*, and which themes resonate most with you?
7. Tavi believes in ghosts, while Henry is certain they don't exist. What do you think, and why?
8. Which characters in *Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster* did you like the most and the least, and why?
9. If you were casting the movie of this book, who would you choose as the actors?
10. If you got the chance to ask Rachelle Delaney one question about *Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster*, what would it be?

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