



TEEN BOOK CLUB

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***Love & Luck* by Jenna Evans Welch**

Addie is visiting Ireland for her aunt's over-the-top destination wedding and hoping she can stop thinking about the one thing she did that left her miserable and heartbroken--and threatens her future. But her brother, Ian, isn't about to let her forget, and his constant needling leads to arguments and even a fistfight between the two once inseparable siblings. Miserable, Addie can't wait to visit her friend in Italy and leave her brother--and her problems--behind. So when Addie discovers an unusual guidebook, *Ireland for the Heartbroken*, hidden in the dusty shelves of the hotel library, she's able to finally escape her anxious mind and Ian's criticism. And then their travel plans change. Suddenly Addie finds herself on a whirlwind tour of the Emerald Isle, trapped in the world's smallest vehicle with Ian and his admittedly cute, Irish-accented friend Rowan. As the trio journeys over breathtaking green hills, past countless castles, and through a number of fairy-tale forests, Addie hopes her guidebook will heal not only her broken heart, but also her shattered relationship with her brother.

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Discussion Questions:

1. The book begins with Addie and her brother Ian falling down the side of a hill in Ireland. Why were they fighting? Have you ever wanted to punch someone down a hill?
2. We quickly learn that Addie's heart is broken. Why is heartbreak such a recurring topic throughout books, movies, and other forms of art? What does heartbreak have to say about the human condition?
3. The Bennett family is large and full of strong characters. How are the Bennetts relatable or not?



4. Addie latches onto the Ireland for the Heartbroken travel guide. Why do you think it becomes so important for her to follow the guide?
5. Addie, Ian, and Rowan are all experiencing heartache. How is their heartache different? Does heartache always have to be romantic in nature? What are the different types of heartache one can feel?
6. Relationships are complicated. What types of relationships are explored in LOVE & LUCK? How are they different from one another?
7. Addie and Ian are obsessed with soccer and music respectively. What do these obsessions teach us about the characters?
8. A major theme throughout the book is self-discovery. Why do Addie and Ian struggle to be truthful with one another? What do they learn by the end of the book?
9. Addie's best friend, Lina, lost her mother to cancer. Both girls were deeply affected by this loss. How does her story of Addie rushing to her aid at the hospital illustrate that even in pain there can be strength? What was the author trying to illustrate with that story?
10. In the end the Bennett siblings come clean to their family about their secrets. The author leaves us as they head into their first day of school after their Ireland adventure. What epiphany or realization does Addie come to? What has she learned about love & luck?

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