

Little Beach Street Bakery

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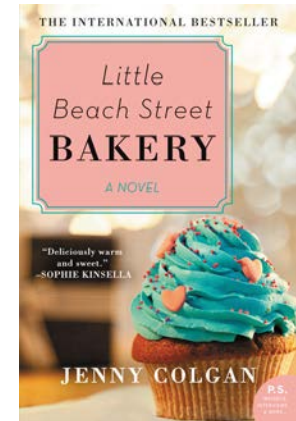
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Introduction

For fans of Sophie Kinsella, Jojo Moyes, and Jennifer Weiner, a moving, laugh-out-loud novel—with recipes!—about a young woman who begins her life anew as a baker in Cornwall.

Amid the ruins of her latest relationship, Polly Waterford moves far away to the sleepy seaside resort of Polbearne, where she lives in a small, lonely flat above an abandoned shop.

To distract her from her troubles, Polly throws herself into her favorite hobby: making bread. But her relaxing weekend diversion quickly develops into a passion. As she pours her emotions into kneading and pounding the dough, each loaf becomes better than the last. Soon, Polly is working her magic with nuts and seeds, olives and chorizo, and the local honey-courtesy of a handsome local beekeeper. Drawing on reserves of determination and creativity Polly never knew she had, she bakes and bakes . . . and discovers a bright new life where she least expected it.



Questions for Discussion

1. Was there ever a time in your life when you felt as Polly did—that it was time to pack up and try something completely different? How did it turn out for you?
2. The town of Mount Polbearne is full of colorful characters. Who was your favorite and why?
3. For Polly, making bread is almost therapeutic. Do you have an activity in your life that helps you work through your problems?
4. Would you like to live in a town like Mount Polbearne? Why or why not?
5. Do you think Polly was really in love with Tarnie? Can you be in love with two people at once?
6. Were you satisfied with the ending? Do you think Polly found what she was looking for?