

# The Baker's Man

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## Discussion Questions

-  Following one's heart is a theme that runs throughout this novel. In what ways did Anna resist following her heart? In what ways did she stay true to her heart?
-  Have you ever wished you could create your own man?
-  Anna adds special ingredients to the mix when she's creating the "perfect dough boy." If you were going to create the perfect man for you, what ingredients would you add?
-  Do you think that Anna truly believed that her grandmother's "magic dust" would really work?
-  Friendships can be tricky and rough waters to navigate, especially when matters of the heart are involved. What did you think about Anna's friendship with Lily and Tessa? Can you relate to their struggles about telling the complete truth at all times? How did them withholding the truth hurt them? How did them "coming clean" help to strengthen their friendships?
-  If you created a perfect dough boy for you, would you have been concerned, like Anna was at first, that he only cared for you because you made him? Or would you have trusted his feelings were sincere?
-  If your best friend wanted to create the perfect man in her kitchen, would you join her or say no way, Jose?! Why or why not?
-  If you could request Anna to make a sweet treat for you that would provide just what you needed, what would you ask her to make for you and how would this treat *magically* help you?
-  If you were making a movie of this book, whom would you cast?
-  What feelings did this book evoke for you?
-  Many writers and readers create a playlist of songs while they work and read. Did this book make you think of specific songs? You could create a book club playlist together for this book!

 What did you like best about this book?

 What character in this book would you most like to meet?

 Mystic Water is an enchanted small town where anything is possible. Which places (locations, stores, restaurants, etc.) in the book would you most like to visit?

 If you could hear this story from one of the other character's points of view, which character would you want to hear from?

 Would you like to see another novel set in Mystic Water that shows what happened later with Anna and her dough boy?

 When you think about Mystic Water, what state do you imagine it to be in?