

Every Version of You by Grace Chan

Book Discussion Guide

- 1. How did you experience the book? Were you immediately drawn in, or did it take some time?
- 2. What did you like about the book? What caught your attention?
- 3. What do you think the themes of the book are? How do the characters get these across?
- 4. What parts of the book stood out to you?
- 5. Who was your favourite character in the book and why?
- 6. Who in this book would you most like to meet? What would you ask or say?
- 7. How did the relationship between Tao-Yi and Navin change over the course of the story?
- 8. What influence does Tao-Yi's mother, Xin-Yi have on Tao Yi's reluctance to upload into Gaia?
- 9. How did the descriptions of the locations and food make you feel? What did this make you think about (for example did the online or on land experiences feel more real)? What about the descriptions of parts of Melbourne, Sydney and other locations?



- 10. What surprised you? Prompts could be having shorn style haircuts because of better online experiences?
- 11. What past influences are shaping the actions of Tao-Yi in the story?
- 12. Tao-Yi has considerable unease towards the idea of permanently uploading into Gaia. Why does Tao-Yi feel so conflicted?
- 13. This book explores varied forms of grief. What ideas and emotions were inspired by this?
- 14. Virtual reality is already here, Mark Zuckerberg recently rebranded Facebook to Meta and plans to build a metaverse not dissimilar to Gaia. Would you be willing to explore virtual reality. Could you contemplate uploading into Gaia and permanently discarding the physical world and your body? Have you already tried virtual reality?
- 15. What did you think of the ending of the book? Were all your questions answered?