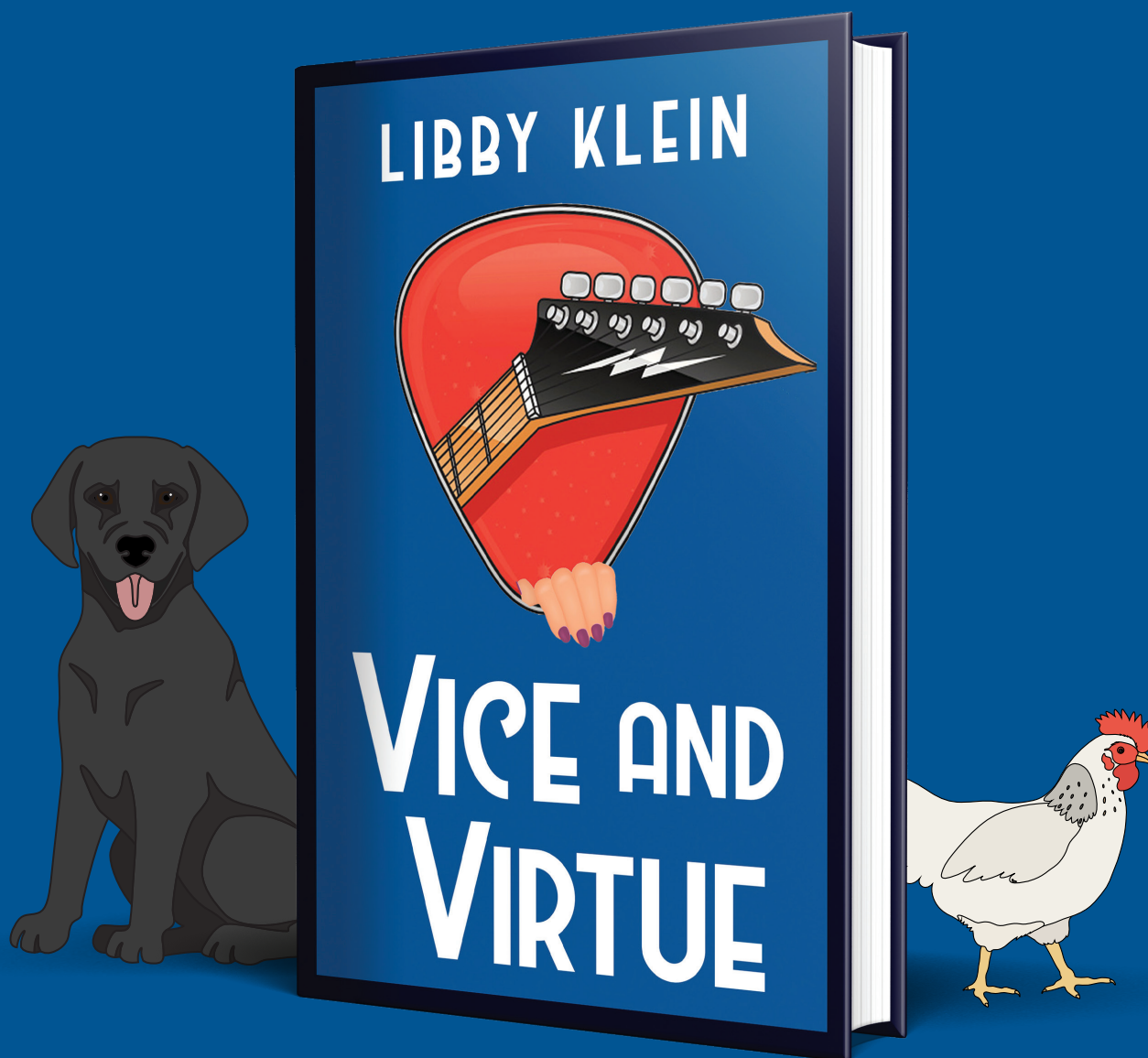


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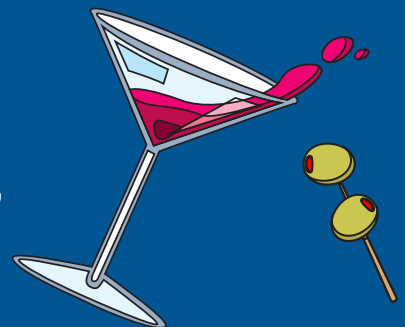
A Layla Virtue Mystery

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Layla has trust issues—especially with women? Can you relate to her struggle? What kind of relationships have you had with women? Do they come easy to you, or do you have to work at it?
2. What was your first impression of Layla's treatment of her father? Did your opinion of her change once you got the full "Don Virtue" experience?
3. Layla has always lived in her father's shadow. She both loves him and resents him at the same time. How did Don's fame affect Layla in the realm of making friends and having lasting relationships?
4. Layla finds support in a lot of unexpected places. Who was your favorite supporting sidekick? How did they help Layla get through her trauma?
5. A recurring theme throughout *Vice and Virtue* is Layla's refusal to accept her father's help for fear that it will be seen as nepotism. But did you notice that every time she's in the coffee shop, the music playing overhead is by artists with famous relatives? Nancy Sinatra, Miley Cyrus, Norah Jones, and Wolfgang Van Halen—proving that sometimes a little help can make a big difference. Should Layla accept her father's offer to bankroll her career, or do you think she should make a name for herself without his help?
6. Layla has to deal with paparazzi and her personal life being leaked on social media so others can gain riches or followers. What do you think about the entertainment value of tabloids and sensationalist journalism? Do you think celebrities deserve privacy, or is it the price they pay for their luxurious lifestyles?
7. One theme in *Vice and Virtue* is forgiveness. Do you think people who are responsible for the lives of others should be held to a higher standard? Should they be forgiven when they make mistakes that end in tragedy and lost lives? Should they be allowed to forgive themselves?
8. Layla has several episodes of PTSD, including nightmares and flashbacks. Once Layla's PTSD is fully revealed and her memory of the event is recovered, how did you feel about her and what she went through? Did your feelings change over the course of the story?
9. Law enforcement can be a divisive subject for many. What did you think about the way law enforcement was portrayed in *Vice and Virtue*? Did you feel they were fair in Layla's situation?
10. How does Donna's attitude toward Layla change when she discovers who Layla's father is? Why do you think that happens?
11. What did you think about the way Layla's relationship with Nick progressed?
12. In a screen adaptation of *Vice and Virtue*, who do you think could play Layla, Nick, Don, Scarlett, Bree, Charisse, Donna, Castinnetto, or Beasley?



NICK'S ELEVATED ONE BOWL BROWNIES RECIPE

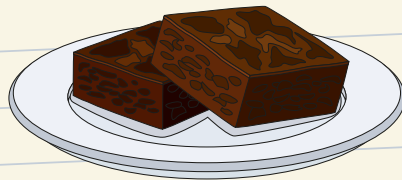
Indulge in these one-bowl brownies while discussing *Vice and Virtue*. Since Layla has no idea what she's doing in the kitchen, Nick suggests you don't let her touch the eggs. Or a knife. Or cocoa powder. Just let Nick do everything.

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, melted
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 Tablespoon espresso powder
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- Assorted candy bars like Snickers or Reese's peanut butter cups

Instructions

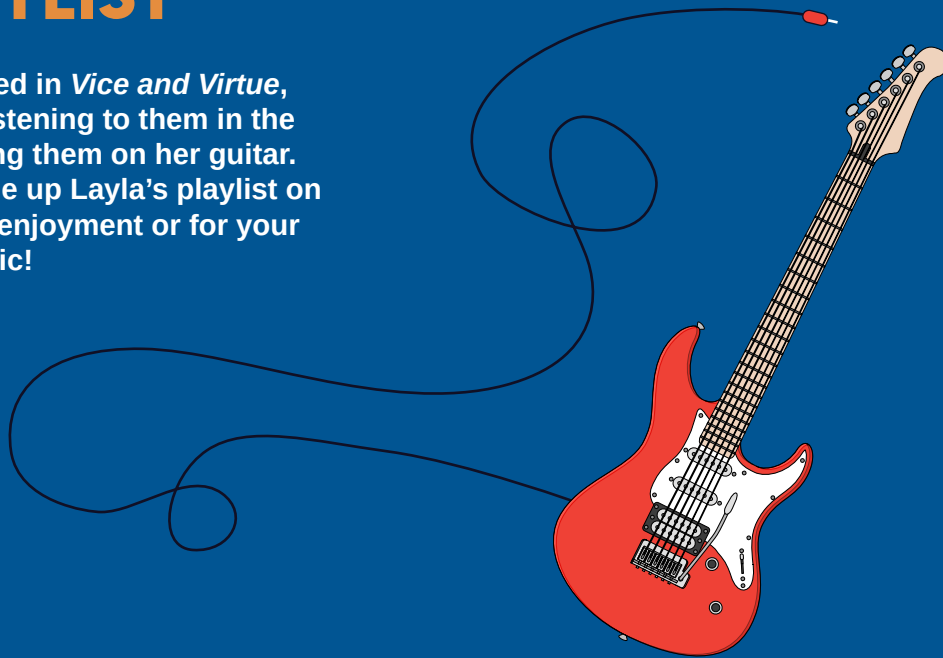
- Preheat the oven to 350°.
- Heavily grease a 9x13" pan and set it aside.
- In a medium sized bowl, mix all the ingredients together (except for the candy bars) until everything is well-blended.
- Spread the batter evenly into the prepared pan.
- Plunge the candy bars into the batter but don't let them touch. Keep a good 1-inch margin of brownie batter around each candy bar.
- Bake for 20-30 minutes until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out dry.
- Allow the brownies to cool before cutting.



(You might also want to hide these from Layla's dad.)

LAYLA'S PLAYLIST

There are many songs featured in *Vice and Virtue*, whether the characters are listening to them in the background or Layla is playing them on her guitar. Use the QR Code below to cue up Layla's playlist on Spotify to listen, whether for enjoyment or for your book club's background music!



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