

**BOOK
CLUB KIT**

"I felt so seen."—Jesse Q. Sutanto, bestselling author of
Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers

DOUBLE HAPPINESS

Two loves. Two dreams. One future.



HEATHER ENG

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



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Mei considers herself and Alexandre late bloomers because they're still figuring out their lives in their late thirties and early forties. What do you think of the term "late bloomer"? What are the benefits and drawbacks to being a late bloomer?

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Mei truly loves Joey, but as their wedding approaches, she becomes uncertain about a future with him. How do you feel about how their relationship played out?

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Do you think Mei's internal conflict about her relationship with Joey reflects broader societal pressures regarding marriage and personal fulfillment?

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Even though Mei and Alexandre are well into adulthood, they're still struggling with their upbringings. Mei never feels financially secure, and Alexandre can't live up to his parents' expectations. What does this say about how our pasts shape our present?

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Mei is adamant about staying at Livin because she's finally getting financial security, as well as personal and professional challenges. Do those benefits outweigh the morally questionable company culture? What would you have done in her position?

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Mei also stays at Livin because she believes she can change the company for the better. Do you think she was ever in a position to do so? Do you think any of her efforts made Livin more inclusive?

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In what ways do you think professionals should balance personal life with career ambitions, as portrayed through Mei's struggle in the book?

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Double Happiness is a romance between Mei and Joey, and between Mei and Alexandre. But Mei and Ali's relationship is also central to the novel. How is *Double Happiness* also a love story between sisters?

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The title, *Double Happiness*, refers to the Chinese character for "happiness," which is written twice to celebrate love. In the novel, there are many doubles, including Mei's two love interests, two sisters with two brothers, and two different futures for Mei and Alexandre. What other doubles are in the book? Which ones resonated most with you?

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What did you think of the ending? Where do you see Mei and Alexandre five years from now?