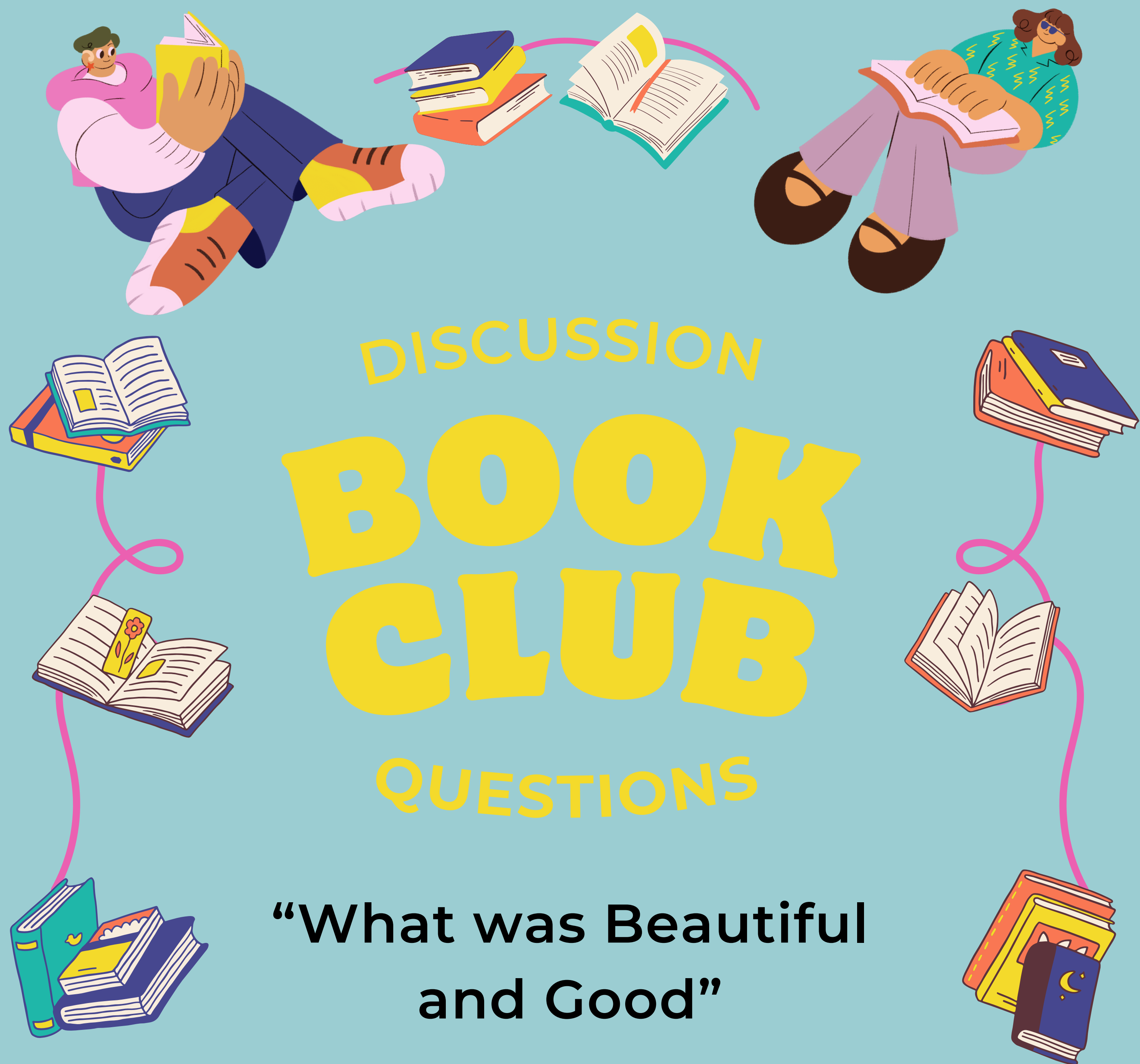




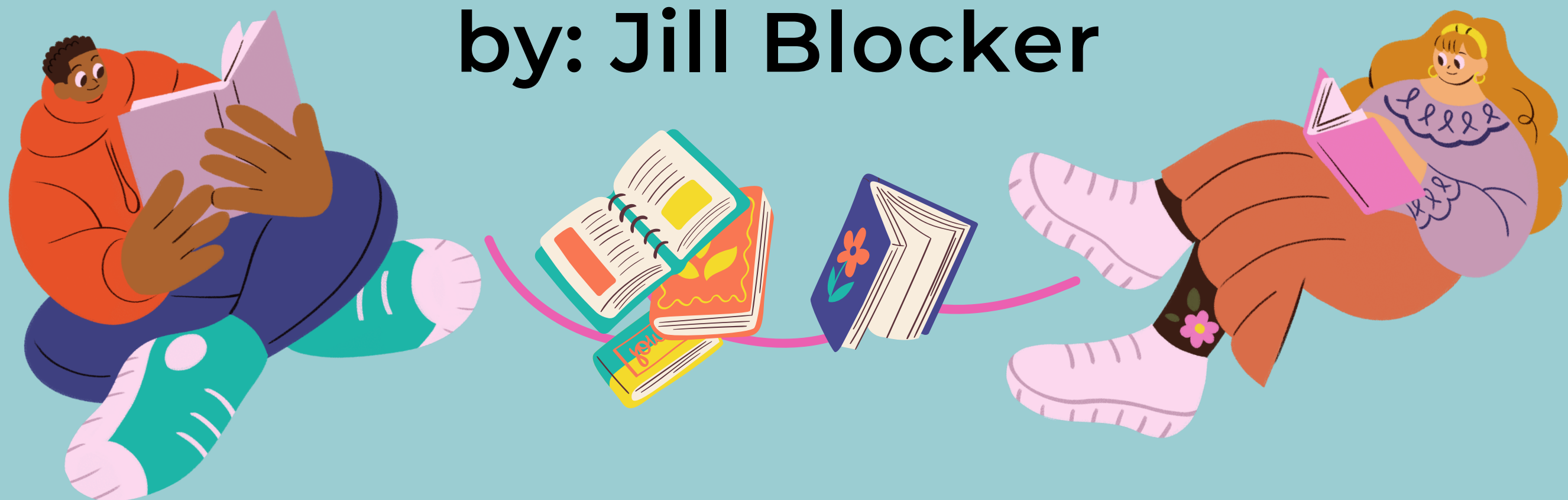
DISCUSSION

BOOK CLUB

QUESTIONS

**“What was Beautiful
and Good”**

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CHARACTER ANALYSIS

1. How does Emmy's character develop over the course of the novel? What are the key events or experiences that shape her transformation?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Emmy as a character? What do you admire about her? What do you find challenging about her?

1. How does the novel portray the relationships between Emmy and the other characters? Which relationships do you find most compelling? Why?

1. How does the novel explore the themes of love, loss, and friendship through the lens of Emmy's experiences?

THEME EXPLORATION

1. How does the novel explore the power of art to resist oppression and promote social change? What role does art play in Emmy's life?

2. What is the significance of the title "What Was Beautiful and Good"? What does it mean to you? How does it relate to the novel's themes?

3. How does the novel portray the impact of World War I on individuals and society? What are the long-lasting legacies of the war?

4. What does the novel say about the resilience of the human spirit? How does Emmy's story exemplify this theme?

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

1. How does the novel's setting in Zurich, Switzerland, during World War I contribute to the story? What are the historical events and social conditions that shape the narrative?

2. How does the novel portray the cultural and artistic movements of the time, such as Dadaism and expressionism? What role do these movements play in Emmy's life?

3. How does the novel address the challenges faced by women during this period? What are the limitations and opportunities available to women in Emmy's world?

4. What is the significance of the novel's ending? How does it reflect on the themes and historical context of the story?

I hope these questions spark engaging discussions and help you and your book club members delve deeper into the rich themes and characters of "What was Beautiful and Good."

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