

READING GROUP GUIDE



A poignant, mysterious and unforgettable story of love, and of the happy endings we conceive for ourselves

EVERYTHING LOVE IS

From the author of *The Night Rainbow*

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Moored on his beloved houseboat at the edge of Toulouse, Baptiste Molino helps his clients navigate the waters of contentment, yet remains careful never to make waves of his own.

But between Sophie, the young waitress in his local bar who believes it is time for Baptiste to rediscover passion, and his elegant, enigmatic new client Amandine Rousseau, this fragile status quo is now at risk. When the rising tensions on the city streets cause his mysterious past to catch up with him, Baptiste finds himself torn between finally pursuing his own happiness and safeguarding that of the one he loves.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Claire King's debut novel, *The Night Rainbow*, was published by Bloomsbury in 2013. She is also the author of numerous prize-winning short stories. After fourteen years in southern France, Claire has recently returned to the UK and now lives with her family by a canal in Gloucestershire.

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DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Why do you think Baptiste was so taken with Amandine from their first meeting?
2. When Baptiste`s mother tells him he was adopted, he changes his behaviour radically. Why do you think this is?
3. How did you feel during the early chapters of the book? Why do you think the book was structured this way?
4. Discuss the ways Baptiste changes after getting to know Amandine.
5. When does Baptiste start losing his memories, and how does this affect him and those around? How does King portray memory loss through the viewpoint of Baptiste?
6. How do Baptiste`s friends change their attitude towards him after he reveals his illness?
7. Discuss Amandine and Baptiste`s relationship at the end of the novel. Was their decision purely based on love?
8. In which part of the novel do you think unconditional love was most clearly portrayed?
9. Is this a romantic book?
10. Whose story is this?
11. Who, if anyone, has a happy ending in this story?

FURTHER READING

This Must Be the Place by Maggie O'Farrell

Chocolat by Joanna Harris

The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain

American Wife by Curtis Sittenfeld

