

Book Club Guide

Working Titles: Memoir of an American Hustler

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Working Titles: Memoir of an American Hustler is the true story of my life told through sixty-six different jobs, spanning decades of work, reinvention, survival, and the people you meet along the way. Some chapters are funny, some are rough, and all of it is real.

This book is a great pick for groups that like honest memoir, working-class stories, and books that spark conversation about work, identity, resilience, and what it takes to keep going when life doesn't play fair.

Discussion Questions

1. The book is structured around sixty-six different jobs. How did that format change the way you experienced the story compared to a traditional memoir?
2. Which job chapter stuck with you the most, and why?
3. What do you think the book says about how work shapes identity over time?
4. Did any part of the book change the way you think about success or stability?
5. What role does humor play in the tougher moments of the book?
6. Where do you see the difference between short-term hustle and long-term survival in the book?
7. How much of the story felt uniquely American to you, and how much felt universal?
8. How does setting and location shape the mood of the book, especially Baltimore and Lancaster?
9. What did the book make you think about opportunity, class, or the invisible rules people live by?
10. What do you think kept the author moving forward through constant change and uncertainty?
11. If you had to describe this book in three words, what would they be?

12. What part of the book would you want someone else to read first as an introduction?

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