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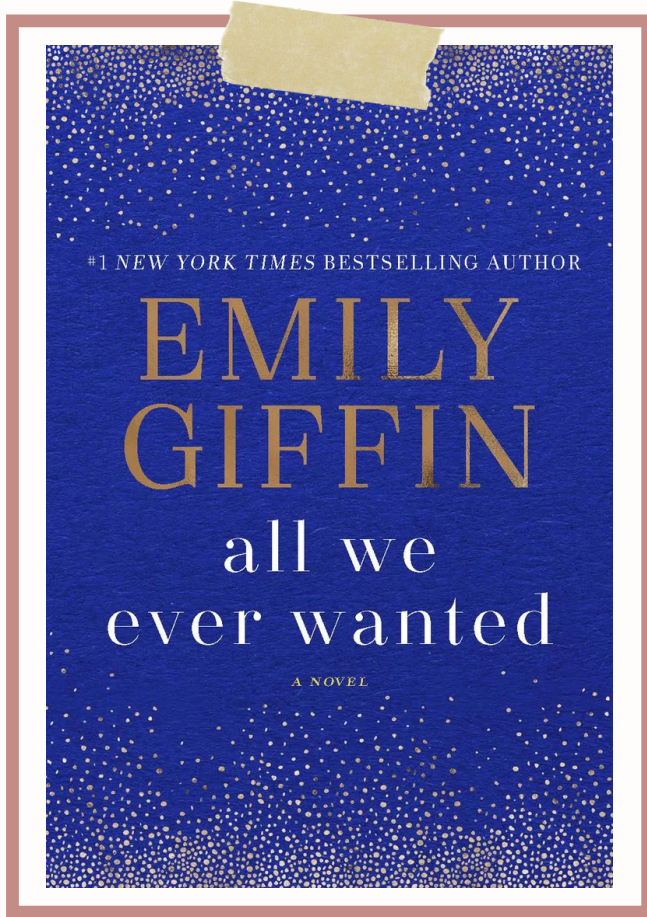
All We Ever Wanted

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SUMMARY

Nina, Tom, and Lyla are stuck in the hottest scandal of the Windsor community. Nina is a Nashville socialite, who feels out of place. Tom is a single dad. Lyla is a young teenager trying to "fit in" at a prestigious private school. One racy photograph from a drunken night changes their lives forever. The image gets passed around and everyone has their take on the controversy. Nina, Tom, and Lyla are pushed together -- evaluating their close relationships, questioning their values, and finding the courage to seek out the truth.

≧ GUIDING & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ≦

1. Nina and Kirk have different attitudes toward handling Finch and the scandal. How are their parenting styles and actions justified?
2. Picture yourself as Nina, Tom, and Lyla in this scandal. How would you react? What would you do to resolve the problem? Brush it under the rug? Fight for justice? Seek out the truth?
3. As the book progresses, Nina strays further from her husband and sides with Tom's values. Is she right to choose to support a man outside of her marriage? Who does she owe her loyalty to more?
4. Nina and Tom allow their past to inform their present. Does their past hinder or help them from being their best selves in the present?
5. Why was Lyla so willing and quick to believe Finch's side of the story? As you were reading, did you doubt his story or believe him like Lyla?
6. What is the difference between being entitled to something and earning something? Is Finch entitled to a second chance? Did he do enough to earn forgiveness?
7. What role does money and power have in the novel? Can money fix all problems?
8. How has Nina and Lyla been "saved" by the scandal? After reading the epilogue, do you believe Finch has learned from his mistakes?





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are the closest to you.*

- Emily Griffin

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