

# Dolly All the Time

by Annabel Monaghan

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## About the Book

A hardworking single mom returns to her seaside hometown and stumbles into a fake dating situation with a wealthy, workaholic scion, from the *New York Times* bestselling author of *NORA GOES OFF SCRIPT*.

*If they start by pretending, can they end with something real?*

Dolly Brick has never met a problem she couldn't solve. Not when her mom left when she was 12, and not at 39 when she moves with her son back to Whitfield, Rhode Island, for the summer to keep her dad and brother from losing the family home.

So when she comes across Stewart Whitfield --- the annoyingly handsome scion of the Whitfield family --- with a flat tire and at the wrong end of a very public, very humiliating breakup, it's in her nature to help. But Stewart's proposed arrangement ends up being more than either of them bargained for.

As public dinners and high-society benefits turn into sunset boat rides and kisses that hit her bloodstream like a ghost pepper, Dolly starts to feel something more than helpful. She's never relied on anyone besides herself. Can she really start now?

## Discussion Guide

1. What was your favorite scene, and why?
2. If you had been in Dolly's shoes, would you have accepted Stewart's offer? Why or why not?
3. Dolly and Stewart both struggle to ask others for help, even when they need it. Do you ever feel this way? And what,

if anything, do you do to combat that feeling?

4. What do you think about Dolly's and Stewart's relationships to their families? Are they healthy?

5. If you were to visit Brick Fish House, what would you order?

6. Who was your favorite character, and why?

7. Dolly always has a to-do list, usually for things pertaining to her loved ones rather than herself. What kinds of things would be on your to-do list?

8. Dolly has a lot of different side hustles on top of her day-to-day responsibilities. Do you think you'd be able to manage a schedule like hers? Why or why not?

9. Stewart worries a lot about his family's legacy and if he can uphold it. Do you think his stress in this area was justified? Why or why not?

10. Dolly has a more strained relationship with her family than she would like to admit, especially in relation to her sister. What did you think about the way she processed these feelings?

11. How did you feel about the ending?

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