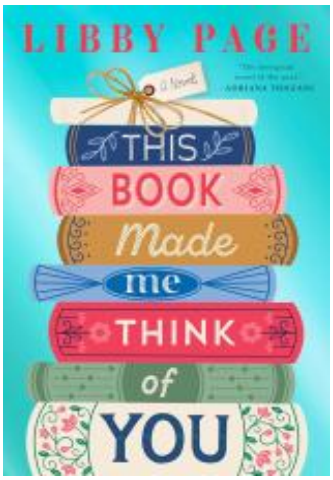
# This Book Made Me Think of You

by Libby Page




## About the Book

**A woman receives an unexpected gift from the man she loved and lost --- a year of books, one for every month --- launching a reading-inspired journey to live, dream and love again in this glimmering and heart-stopping novel.**

***Twelve books. Twelve months. One chance to heal her heart.***

When Tilly Nightingale receives a call telling her there?s a birthday gift from her husband waiting for her at her local bookshop, it couldn?t come as more of a shock. Partly because she can?t remember the last time she read a book for pleasure. But mainly because Joe died five months ago.

When she goes to pick up the present, Alfie, the bookshop owner, explains the gift --- 12 carefully chosen books with handwritten letters from Joe, one for each month, to help her turn the page on her first year without him.

At first, Tilly can?t imagine sinking into a fictional world. But Joe?s tender words convince her to try, and something remarkable happens. Tilly becomes immersed in the pages, and a new chapter begins to unfold in her own life.

Monthly trips to the bookstore --- and heartfelt conversations with Alfie --- give Tilly the comfort she craves and the courage to set out on a series of reading-inspired adventures that take her around the world. But as she begins to share her journey with others, her story --- like a book --- becomes more than her own.

## Discussion Guide

**1.** The book opens with these words: ?The right book in the hands of the right person at exactly the right moment can change their life forever.? Do you think this is true? Can you think of any books that changed your own life in some way?

**2.** At the start of the novel, Tilly has lost touch with her love of reading. Have you ever gone through a period in life when you found it hard to read? Which books helped you get back into reading? Is there a book you would recommend to a friend experiencing a ?reading slump??

**3.** THIS BOOK MADE ME THINK OF YOU is a celebration of bookshops and booksellers. Do you have a favorite bookshop? Do you think bookshops are important? If so, why? What challenges do you think bookshops currently face? And do you think you would like to run or work in a bookshop like Alfie?

**4.** The book is split into the months of the year. Did you have a favorite month?

**5.** Tilly?s sister, Harper, means well but sometimes gets it wrong when it comes to supporting Tilly through her grief. Why do you think this is? If you?ve ever experienced grief, were there things people said that were particularly unhelpful? And what do you wish people had said instead?

**6.** Tilly and Rachel?s friendship is partly built around a mutual love of books and of sharing book recommendations with each other. Do you
have a particular friend who has a similar taste in books to you? Do you think sharing book recommendations brings you closer to a person? What are some of the challenges of recommending a book to someone?

**7.** How does Tilly change throughout the book? What do you think were the most important moments in her journey toward healing?

**8.** Tilly?s husband, Joe, has passed away when the book opens, and yet he is still a presence throughout the book. What impression did you get of him through his letters and Tilly?s memories?

**9.** John, one of the members of the Paris Grief Gang, says to Tilly, ?Maybe we don?t get just one love of our lives. Maybe we all have room in our hearts for more than one story.? Do you think this is true? And how does Tilly make space in her heart for the possibility of a new love with Alfie?

**10.** There are over 60 books mentioned in this book. Have you read any of them already? Are there any that you would like to read?
Discuss the books that are on your current reading list.

**11.** If you were to leave a ?year of books? to a loved one, who would you gift it to? And what books might you include?

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