

Further Reading

The Paper Palace (Jul 2021)

by Miranda Cowley Heller

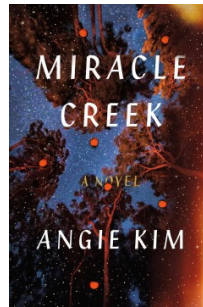
While staying at “The Paper Palace” — the family summer place she has visited every summer of her life, 50-year-old Elle must decide between the life she has built with her husband and the life she always imagined she would have had with her childhood love.



Miracle Creek (Apr 2019)

by Angie Kim

A dramatic murder trial in the aftermath of an experimental medical treatment and a fatal explosion upends a rural Virginia community where personal secrets and private ambitions complicate efforts to uncover what happened.



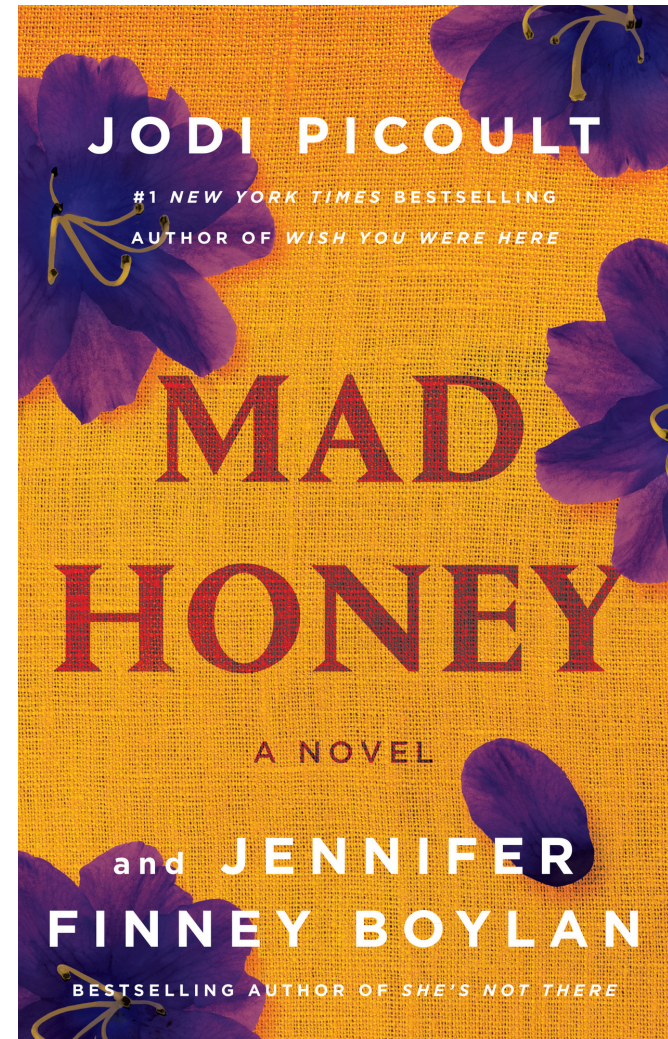
The Measure (Jun 2022)

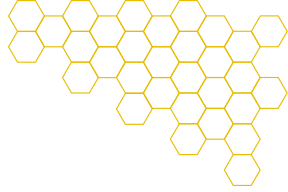
by Nikki Erlick

When every person, all over the globe, receives a small wooden box bearing the same inscription and a single piece of string inside, world is thrown into a collective frenzy, in this novel told through multiple perspectives that introduces an unforgettable cast of characters.



BOOK DISCUSSION





Discussion Questions

11. Let's first discuss the book's title, Mad Honey. Why do you think this was chosen? What does it represent to the story as a whole?
2. We read the story from the perspectives of Olivia and Lily. Why was it important to feature their viewpoints? In what ways are they similar?
3. Olivia left behind an abusive marriage to raise her son, Asher, in her hometown in New Hampshire. She decided to keep Asher in the dark about his father's true nature. Why did Olivia want to keep that a secret?
4. Lily's story is told backwards. Why do you feel the authors chose to tell her story in this way?
5. As the trial is underway, a key fact is revealed: Lily was transgender. What were your thoughts as you read this? Were you surprised or did you already know?
6. How did this reveal change everything for not just the trial but all the characters?
7. We read about Lily's past and it's a hard one between her father's abuse when he finds out the truth about her identity to the cruelty of her classmates. Let's discuss Lily's journey.
8. For those not as familiar with the transgender community, what did you learn from this novel?
9. What was your overall impression of Lily and Asher's relationship?

10. There's a focus on the cycle of abuse. Asher is quite complicated but does show anger issues like his father. Did you believe that Asher murdered Lily or did you think it was someone else?
11. Is Asher more like his mother or father?
12. Were you surprised when Asher was acquitted?
13. What happens next for Olivia, Asher and Ava (Lily's mom)?
14. There's one more reveal at the end: Maya is the one who killed Lily. What were your thoughts as you read that?
15. There's so many themes to pick up on: identity, acceptance, the cost of lies. Which themes stuck out to you the most?
16. The novel explores womanhood. In your viewpoint, what does it mean to be a woman?
13. The authors said that Jodi wrote most of Olivia's perspective while Jennifer, who is transgender, wrote Lily's. Let's talk about the importance of representation in this story. What are your thoughts overall on the writing?

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