

Great Flood Book Club

The Moomins and the Great Flood is well suited as a warm-up reading in a new book club or the book chosen for a generally busy period during the book club year, since it is not too long.

Also, it makes perfect to combine your book club reading with reading to the kids.

General questions

Tuning in

- How much did you know about this book before reading it?
- What surprised you the most about the book?
- What three words would you use to describe this book to a friend?

Themes

- What were the main themes or messages of the story?
- What themes stood out to you and how were they presented and explored?
- How relevant or relatable are the themes or messages of the book to your own life, or to society today?
- What were some of your favorite scenes from the book? Why did they stand out to you?

Characters

- Who was your favorite character and why?
- Which character did you relate to or empathize with the most and why?
- Which character did you dislike or disagree with the most and why?
- Are there any characters you wish you could have given advice to? What would you tell them?

Story

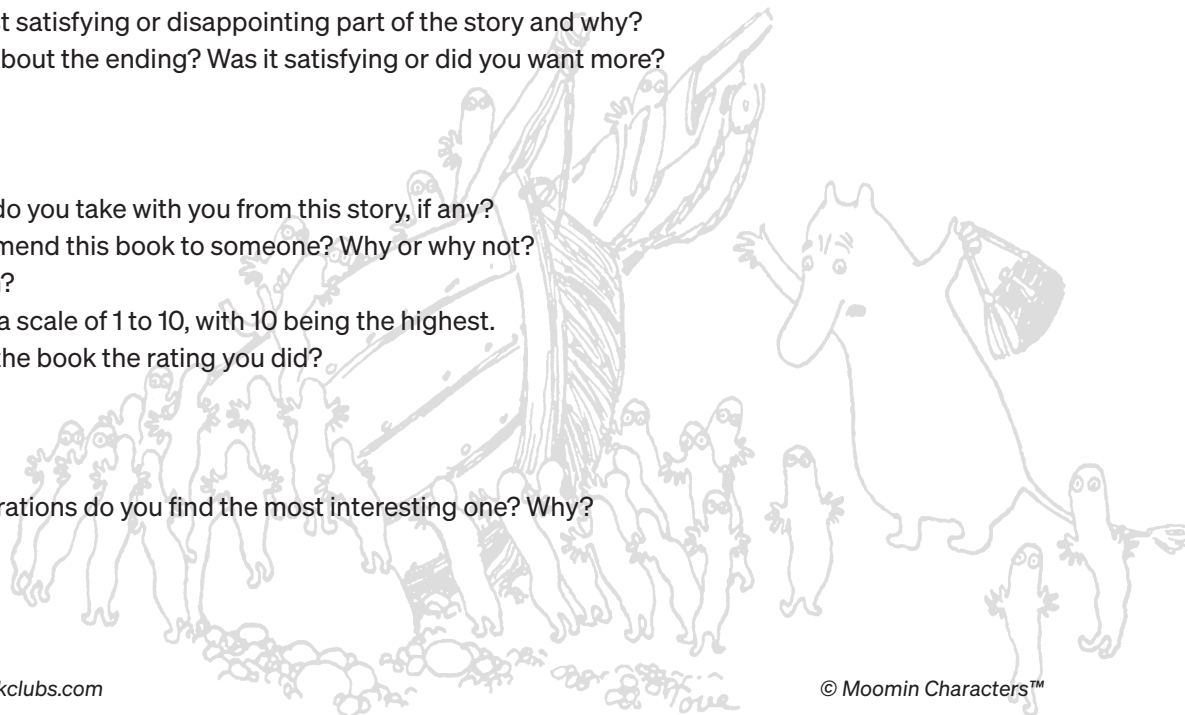
- What was the most memorable or shocking scene or twist in the story and why?
- What was the most satisfying or disappointing part of the story and why?
- How did you feel about the ending? Was it satisfying or did you want more?

After story

- What life lessons do you take with you from this story, if any?
- Would you recommend this book to someone? Why or why not? And if so, to whom?
- Rate this book on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest. Why did you give the book the rating you did?

Illustrations

- Which of the illustrations do you find the most interesting one? Why?



For experienced Moomin readers

The story

- Did you have any aha-moments during the reading? Something about the Moomins or the Moomin universe that you hadn't thought about before?
- How does the story compare to other Moomin stories?
- Who is, according to you, the hero of the story? And who, or what, is the enemy?

The characters

- Do you find the main characters being similar in this story to how they appear and act in the succeeding stories? (Moominmamma, Moomintroll, Moominpappa and the little creature, later known as Sniff.)
- Are there any side characters you got interested in learning more about?
- Who of the side characters would you like to give a story of their own?
- What do the different relationships bring to your mind?
 - Moominmamma and Moomintroll?
 - Moomintroll and the little creature?
 - The gentleman in the enchanted garden and the outside world?
 - Moominmamma and Moominpappa?

The themes

- The themes of danger and hope are relevant in all Moomin stories, how do you experience them in this story?
- In this story also solidarity is a strong theme, how is it explored?
- Which other themes do you find important or appealing?

The Moomin universe

- In this story Tove Jansson is drawing the first sketches to what later will be the Moomins and their universe. With that in mind, what do you notice about the later typical features in the stories?
- If you could ask Tove Jansson one question about this book, what would it be?

