

Best Book Club

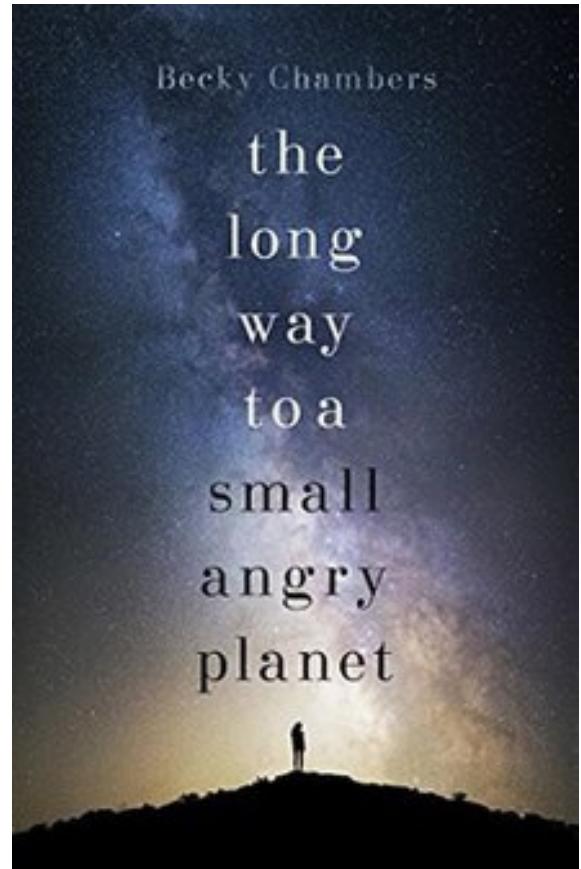
Where We Talk About All Things Books and Book Club

Author Bio- Becky Chambers

Becky Chambers is an award winning science fiction writer. With an astrobiology educator and a satellite engineer for parents, her interest in space started at a young age. She went on to study theater arts at the University of San Francisco and then worked as a theater manager before crowdfunding the money to self publish her first book, *The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet* which went on to become an entire series and then win the Hugo for best series in 2019. She has lived all over the world but currently lives in California with her wife.

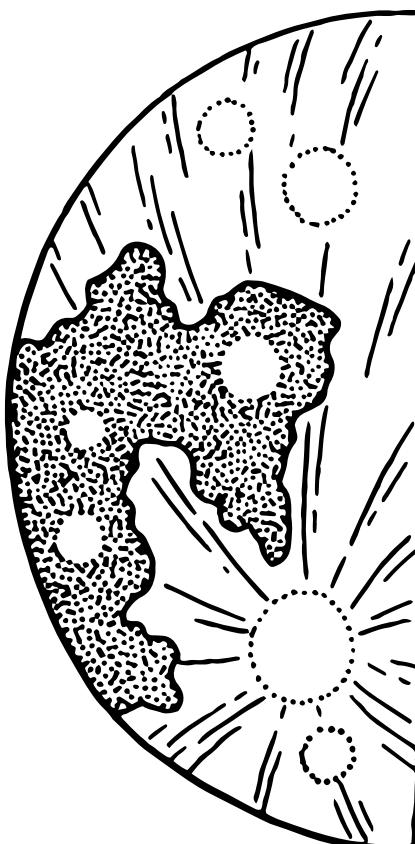
Synopsis

When Rosemary Harper joins the crew of the Wayfarer, she isn't expecting much. The ship, which has seen better days, offers her everything she could possibly want: a small, quiet spot to call home for a while, adventure in far-off corners of the galaxy, and distance from her troubled past. But Rosemary gets more than she bargained for with the Wayfarer. The crew is a mishmash of species and personalities, from Sissix, the friendly reptilian pilot, to Kizzy and Jenks, the constantly sparring engineers who keep the ship running. Life on board is chaotic, but more or less peaceful - exactly what Rosemary wants. Until the crew are offered the job of a lifetime: the chance to build a hyperspace tunnel to a distant planet. They'll earn enough money to live comfortably for years... if they survive the long trip through war-torn interstellar space without endangering any of the fragile alliances that keep the galaxy peaceful. But Rosemary isn't the only person on board with secrets to hide, and the crew will soon discover that space may be vast, but spaceships are very small indeed.



Discussion Questions

1. Do you think that Rosemary really had to change her identity to go on living in the wake of her father's scandal?
2. Becky Chambers does a great job of creating complex and well developed characters. Who was your favorite and did you have a least favorite?
3. How did you feel about the relationship between Jenks and Lovey? Would you have used the body kit in their situation?
4. Aandrisks don't believe that children and babies are people and Sissix doesn't understand why other species are more sad when a baby dies than when an adult dies. How would you explain this to her?
5. What did you think about Corbin's decision to give Ohan the  injection? Do you think that it was the right choice?
6. Becky Chambers created a world rich in different  races and cultures. Did you have a favorite species?
7. The characters muse a lot about human behaviour. What did you think of their interpretation of us? 



General Questions

1. Did you race to the end, or was it more of a slow burn?
2. What did you think of the writing overall? Were there any standout sentences? 
3. Which was your favorite part? What about your least favorite?
4. Did reading the book impact your mood? If yes, how so? 

