**ZARA HOSSAIN IS HERE  
BY SABINA KHAN**

**DISCUSSION GUIDE & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

A timely and honest coming-of-age story that explores the complicated relationship between identity, culture, family, and love.

**CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

1. Design a flyer advertising the Social Justice Club featured in the book, perhaps including information about an upcoming protest you think Zara and her friends would want to attend.
2. Write a one-page story from the perspective of Tyler set near the end of the novel. Consider what Tyler’s home life is like and what his motivations are as a character.
3. In a group, create a recipe book featuring the food Zara and her family enjoy. Each person in the group can pick a food described in the book and research how to make it. You will get bonus points if you make the food of your choice and bring it to the next book club meeting!

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Ask everyone in your book club to choose one word to describe Zara Hossain. Go around the group and ask everyone for their word.
2. Has this book taught you anything new about the experiences of immigrants?
3. What do you think about Zara’s close friends, Nick and Priya? How does Zara’s relationship with Nick and Priya change over the course of the book?
4. Compare Zara’s family with Chloe’s family, and how each family navigates their daughters’ sexualities. Did their differences surprise you?
5. Discuss the treatment of Zara’s family. Would they be treated differently if the book was set in the UK?
6. Food is an important part of the book, and Zara often describes the food her mother makes at home. Why do you think Sabina Khan chose to highlight food in this way? Do the descriptions of food enhance the story in any way?
7. Who would you cast in a film adaptation of this book?
8. If you have all finished the book, discuss the ending and the Hossain family’s decision. Did their decision surprise you?