

# ENCHANTED

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### PLOT

Classic Disney animation meets contemporary urban chaos when a frightened princess is banished from her magical animated homeland to modern-day New York City in a romantic comedy. Princess Giselle lives in the blissful cartoon world of Andalasia, where magical beings frolic freely. Though Princess Giselle is currently engaged to be married to the handsome Prince Edward, her fate takes a turn for the worse when the villainous Queen Narissa banishes her to the unforgiving metropolis of New York City.

When the heroine pops up in New York City, dazed by her transformation from animated cartoon girl to live-action beauty, she's put up for the night by a stranger, a harried divorce lawyer. He's the distracted single parent to a little girl, his girlfriend is on his case for more commitment - and with no time to clean, his apartment is a mess. So Giselle does what any heroine would do: she summons her animal friends to help her tidy up, and they sing while they work. Of course, this being New York, the wildlife workforce consists of rats, pigeons, mice, and well-organized cockroaches.

As the cruelty of the big city soon begins to wear down the fairy-tale exterior of the once-carefree princess, the frightened Giselle soon finds herself falling for a friendly but flawed divorce lawyer whose kind compassion helps her to survive in this strange and dangerous new world.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Chapter 1 - Once Upon a Time

The fairy tale at the beginning of the movie references that Edward is looking for “one special maiden”.

- Is there one person for everyone? If there is only one person, what happens if you miss them? Can there be a second person?

### Chapter 7 - Grown Up Girl Bonding Time

When Robert talks about proposing to his girlfriend Nancy, he calls it a decision.

- What do you think about that? Should marriage be based on a decision or a feeling?

### Chapter 9 - A Divorce for Ever and Ever

Giselle calls Robert “kind”.

- What is kindness? How do you display kindness?
- When Robert finds out Giselle is going to marry Edward after knowing him for 1 day, he is in shock. How long should people wait to get married? Is there a set time? Can a marriage last if the people have only known each other for 1 day?

### Chapter 10 - That's How You Know

Robert explains to Giselle what a date is.

- What is a date to you? What do you consider dating?

Robert is skeptical about “happily ever after”.

- What does that phrase mean? Can “happily ever after” exist?

In the song “How Does She Know” Giselle is describing ways to tell someone that you care about them.

- What are some ways you show affection? How do couples show affection?

### Chapter 12 - Not a Date

“If a relationship has issues at the beginning, it doesn't get any better.”

- How true is this statement? Have you ever dated someone you didn't get along with very well, hoping that things would improve if you got to know each other?

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