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## Johnston Public Library Book Discussion Questions

### **Tiny Beautiful Things** by Cheryl Strayed

#### Summary

Life can be hard: your lover cheats on you; you lose a family member; you can't pay the bills—and it can be great: you've had the hottest sex of your life; you get that plum job; you muster the courage to write your novel. Sugar—the once-anonymous online columnist at *The Rumpus*, now revealed as Cheryl Strayed, author of the bestselling memoir *Wild*—is the person thousands turn to for advice. *Tiny Beautiful Things* brings the best of *Dear Sugar* in one place and includes never-before-published columns and a new introduction by Steve Almond. Rich with humor, insight, compassion—and absolute honesty—this book is a balm for everything life throws our way.

#### Discussion Questions

1. Which of the stories related to you the most? Why?
2. Which stories related to you the least?
3. How would you describe Strayed's take on life?
4. Why do you think she has developed such a cult following as *Dear Sugar*?
5. Which were the hardest things to read?
6. What did you acknowledge about your own life while you were reading?
7. Who would you recommend this book for and why?
8. Literature has the power to make us feel a sense of belonging: discuss the ways in which the book upholds this idea.
9. What kinds of questions would you ask Cheryl Strayed if you were given the chance?

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