



Maizy Chen's LAST CHANCE

ACTIVITY AND EVENT BROCHURE

Welcome to the Golden Palace—
a restaurant that's part mystery, part history!

This brochure includes:

- Discussion Guide
- Write Your Own Fortunes
- Create a Family Photo Wall



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DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Maizy Chen's story is filled with family, food, fortune, and mystery!
Use these questions to deepen your understanding of the novel!**

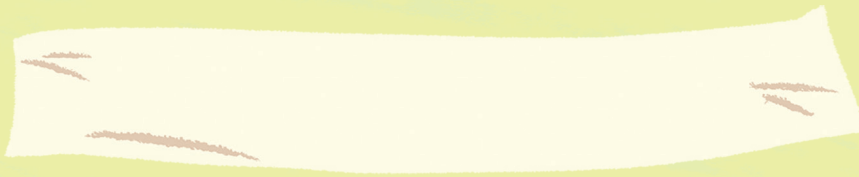
1. In the first chapter, we meet Maizy and her family. What conflicts are introduced?
2. When Maizy asks whether cream cheese wontons are Chinese or American, Oma simply says "Yes" (p. 10). What do you think Oma means when she says this?
3. When Oma is cooking, her passion for food comes to life. Is there something you or someone you know is passionate about?
4. The Golden Palace is not only filled with delicious smells but mystery too! Who are the people in the photos on the restaurant's walls? Do you have any photos that carry a special story?
5. Maizy overhears Opa yelling at the TV (p. 75). Why is he upset? Do you think there's a connection between this moment and Lucky's story?
6. In chapter 29, another piece of Maizy's family history is revealed. What are paper sons, and why are their stories important?
7. Bud the Bear is missing! What does the note left behind reveal about prejudice toward Chinese Americans in the United States (p. 109)?
8. In chapter 43, Emmy gives Maizy more insight into Chinese American history. What was the most interesting or shocking thing you learned?
9. By the end of chapter 58, is there anything you've learned that might explain why Oma and Maizy's mom are constantly arguing?
10. Were you surprised when Lady Macbeth's true motives were revealed (p. 201)?
11. Opa tells Maizy that their family history, Last Chance, and the Golden Palace all have one thing common—her (p. 228). What do you think he means?
12. Maizy has a knack for giving out meaningful, creative, and sometimes hilarious fortunes. Which of Maizy's fortunes was your favorite and why?
13. Why do you think it's so important to Maizy and Opa that Lucky's story is remembered and shared?
14. What was your favorite part of *Maizy Chen's Last Chance*?





WRITE YOUR OWN FORTUNES

Fortune cookies not only are delicious but are also a fun way to bring people together. Maizy uses fortunes to help guide those around her. What will you use them for? Write your fortunes and share them with family and friends!





CREATE A FAMILY PHOTO WALL



Hidden within the Golden Palace's office is a mysterious family photo wall. If you were to create a photo wall, which memories would you include? Using the frames below, draw your own photos and share their meaning with a friend or family member.

