

Discussion Questions for The Great Good Place by Ray Oldenburg

1. How would you describe the book in a sentence? What is the main point or purpose of the book?
2. What do you think about how the author framed his central idea and organized the book?
3. How did the author engage and persuade you as a reader in the book?
4. Did the author address counter-arguments? Did he acknowledge any limitations, gaps, or biases in his research or writing?
5. What are some of the ethical, moral, or social implications of the book? How does it challenge or support your values or beliefs?
6. Did the book change your opinion or perspective? Did it confirm or contradict any of your assumptions or expectations?
7. What was your favorite part of the book? What was your least favorite?
8. What was the most memorable story, anecdote, or example in the book? Why did it stand out?
9. What are some of the questions or criticisms you have about the book? How would you challenge or debate the author's claims or arguments?
10. What was the most surprising thing you learned from the book? How did it make you feel?
11. Did the book inspire you to take action, change your behavior, or think differently about something?
12. What are some of the limitations or biases of the book? How does it reflect the author's background, perspective, or agenda?
13. Why do you think this book has been so influential? (It even inspired Howard Schultz in founding Starbucks.)
14. How does the book's title work in relation to the book's contents? If you could give the book a new title, what would it be? Are there lingering questions from the book you're still thinking about? If you could ask the author anything, what would it be?
15. What do you think should go into a new edition?
16. Who do you most want to read this book?

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