

## Lookin' Back, Texas Book Club Kit

### Playlist:

Luckenbach, Texas (Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson)  
Whiskey River (Willie Nelson)  
Jackson (Johnny Cash, June Carter Cash)  
The Story (Brandi Carlile)  
Shut Up and Kiss Me (Mary Chapin Carpenter)  
Who I am (Jessica Andrews)  
The House that Built Me (Miranda Lambert)  
She's Everything (Brad Paisley)  
You Don't Even Know Who I am (Patty Loveless)  
She is His Only Need (Wynonna)  
Down to the River to Pray (Alison Krauss)  
Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground (Willie Nelson)  
Come Next Monday (K.T. Oslin)  
Passionate Kisses (Mary Chapin Carpenter)  
The Mother (Brandi Carlile)  
Chicken Fried (Zac Brown Band)  
It's a Great Day to Be Alive (Travis Tritt)

### Food and Beverages:

The usual drink in Luckenbach is beer! If you're not a fan or don't drink alcohol, any ice-cold soda would be great. Ranch Water is a combination of tequila, Topo Chico, and lime. Don't forget to have a gallon or two of sweet tea!

Barbecue is a Texas staple.  
Chili is also a great choice.  
Don't forget the pecan pie!

Games:

Karaoke is always fun with a country spin.

Have a Photo Booth with different styled Cowboy hats.

Cornhole or horseshoes (might want to play that one outdoors).

Kick up your heels with some line dancing. Turn on some tunes and dosey-doe!

*Lookin' Back, Texas* by Leanna Ellis

Questions for Readers

1. Which character did you identify with the most: Suzanne, Betty Lynne, Josie, Mike, Drew, Oliver, Archie or Hazel? What personality trait or aspect of his/her life did you relate to?
2. What is perfectionism? Do you feel like you are a perfectionist? How is it detrimental to your life? How does it benefit you?
3. Do you know someone who is a perfectionist? Does their perfectionism make it hard to deal with this person? Or is it a helpful trait?
4. What is forgiveness?
5. Have you ever been in a situation where you found it hard to forgive?
6. Have you ever had to humble yourself and seek someone else's forgiveness?
7. Have you ever had a difficult time forgiving yourself and accepting God's forgiveness and grace?

8. Have you ever been to Texas? To Luckenbach, Texas?
9. Have you heard the song, *Let's Go to Luckenbach, Texas*, by Waylon Jennings? Can you relate to the concept of keeping up with the Jones'? How was Betty Lynne Davidson doing this? Did it help her family or cause harm?
10. What do you think will happen in the coming years for Suzanne's family? Do you think Suzanne, Mike and Oliver will be able to overcome their difficulties? Do you think Archie and Betty Lynne's marriage will survive?
11. What do you think could have prevented Suzanne's mistake?
12. Have you ever been tempted to stray in your marriage? What steps did you take to prevent that from happening? What steps can you take to prevent that type of problem in your marriage?