



## BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS **AND IT WILL BE A BEAUTIFUL LIFE**

1. What did you make of Max Wendt upon first meeting him? Was he a sympathetic character or not?
2. How has the past between Max and his wife, Janine, informed where they find their marriage in the early going of the book?
3. How believable (or not) was the relationship between Max and his daughter, Alexandra?
4. What do you think motivated Max's and Alicia's actions toward each other? Were those actions prudent?
5. Discuss the tertiary characters in the novel—Little Bonk, Big Bonk, Macartney, Smithlin. In what ways did they add to the narrative? Did you feel empathy for them? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think Charles initially reached out to Max? What do you think he saw in Max that prompted him to cultivate a friendship?
7. What do you make of Max's sarcasm? Does it make him more relatable or less? Why?
8. The novel ends with Max having some decisions to make and some options to explore. What do you think he does? What do you think he *should* do?