



# BOOK TALK CARDS



## THEMES:

- Relationships • Sex • Adolescence
- Romance • Friendship

## Twenty-Four Seconds From Now

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Seventeen-year-old Neon is about to have sex with his girlfriend, Aria, for the first time. In 24 seconds to be precise. He's hiding in the bathroom, nervous, wanting to do everything right.



### OUR THOUGHTS

"Neat premise and a powerful, thoughtful, sweet and romantic tale, that's in accessible style with really well crafted, engaging characters."

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 What do you make of Neon and Aria as a couple? Are they too young to really be in love or does this seem like an authentic relationship?
- 2 Neon makes sure he gets Aria her favourite chicken tenders as a romantic gesture. What are your favourite takeaway/fast foods?
- 3 Do you think it's right that Neon's sister Nat is 'judged' by the family for having a few different boyfriends?
- 4 Neon believes his friend Dodie exaggerates and makes up lies about his experiences with girls. Why do you think he would he do this?
- 5 Neon and his friends are busy getting the yearbook together for the end of high school. Is it important to have a record like this to preserve memories of school life or does it just not matter much in the long run?
- 6 The characters get their information about sex from a range of sources. What's the best place to find credible and accurate safe sex information – from your friends, Google searches, social media, information books, school lessons? Or a combination of these things?
- 7 Neon seems like a caring and considerate boyfriend and respectful of all the women in his life. How does this contrast with the idea of 'toxic masculinity'? Would it be a good thing if more boys and men were sensitive like Neon?

## TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

