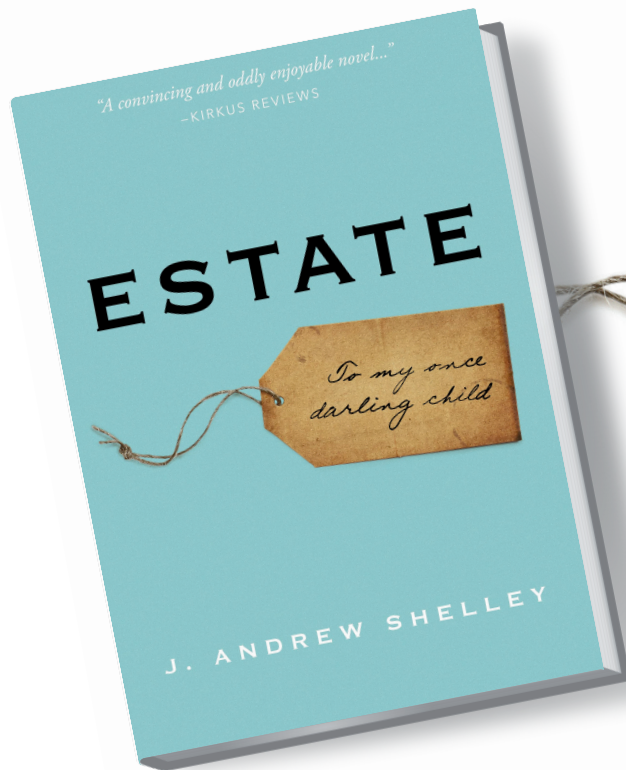


ESTATE

BOOK CLUB SUMMARY



Kirkus Reviews:
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The award-winning story told by J. Andrew Shelley's *Estate: To my once darling child* speaks to everyone navigating the unfinished business of family. It is a novel of transitions: between generations, from love to resentment and back again, from a murky past toward a brighter future. Reality fiction at its best: unflinching, compassionate, demanding but true.

"... an emotionally intelligent, humorous literary gem" that entertains while it enlightens about the family, financial, and legal challenges faced by all

It has become clear to Timothy that the estate will not be "easy and kinda fun to manage" like Mom insisted. He must run a race he had no desire to enter. Against the Master of Time who who doesn't care whether the declarations of the Last Will and Testament estrange his love with Janice, sever the connections with his children Violet and Jaden, or break the fragile bonds between siblings. All while avoiding the whispered seductions from the grotto of memory.

"Shelley proves himself to be an exceptional novelist..." – Kirkus Reviews

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30 Book Club Packages **FREE!**

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- Postage paid within the United States
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- A weekly email for each reader

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Prologue

Who is *Miss Sunshine*?

Drip

How is the narrator feeling? Can you relate?
Who calls and what might we expect from the story?
What is the *drip* Tim faces?

Dying

What do we see about the relationship between parent and child?
Does Timothy believe Holly is dying?
What else should Tim have done? Have you faced this moment?

Halo

What *game* does Holly leave behind for Tim?
What is the message behind the cousin's war story?

The House

How do ghosts haunt the story? Have you felt ghosts in your life?
Are they real?

Precious Things

What are the precious things?
How does the mountain journey relate to Holly's favorite story?

Countdown

What mistakes forced this countdown? Would you avoid them?

Family Spirits

Does this family meal remind us of other moments in the story?
Is blood thicker than water?



After decades building the tech that has changed our world, J. Andrew Shelley has moved on. His stories now entertain and explore the intersection of life, law, health, money, and love.

Over the years he has experienced the passage of loved ones with far too much commotion. *Estate* was birthed out of that tumult. It is his second novel.

Two guides built on stories—one for the estate writer and the other for the executor—will be published in 2026.



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