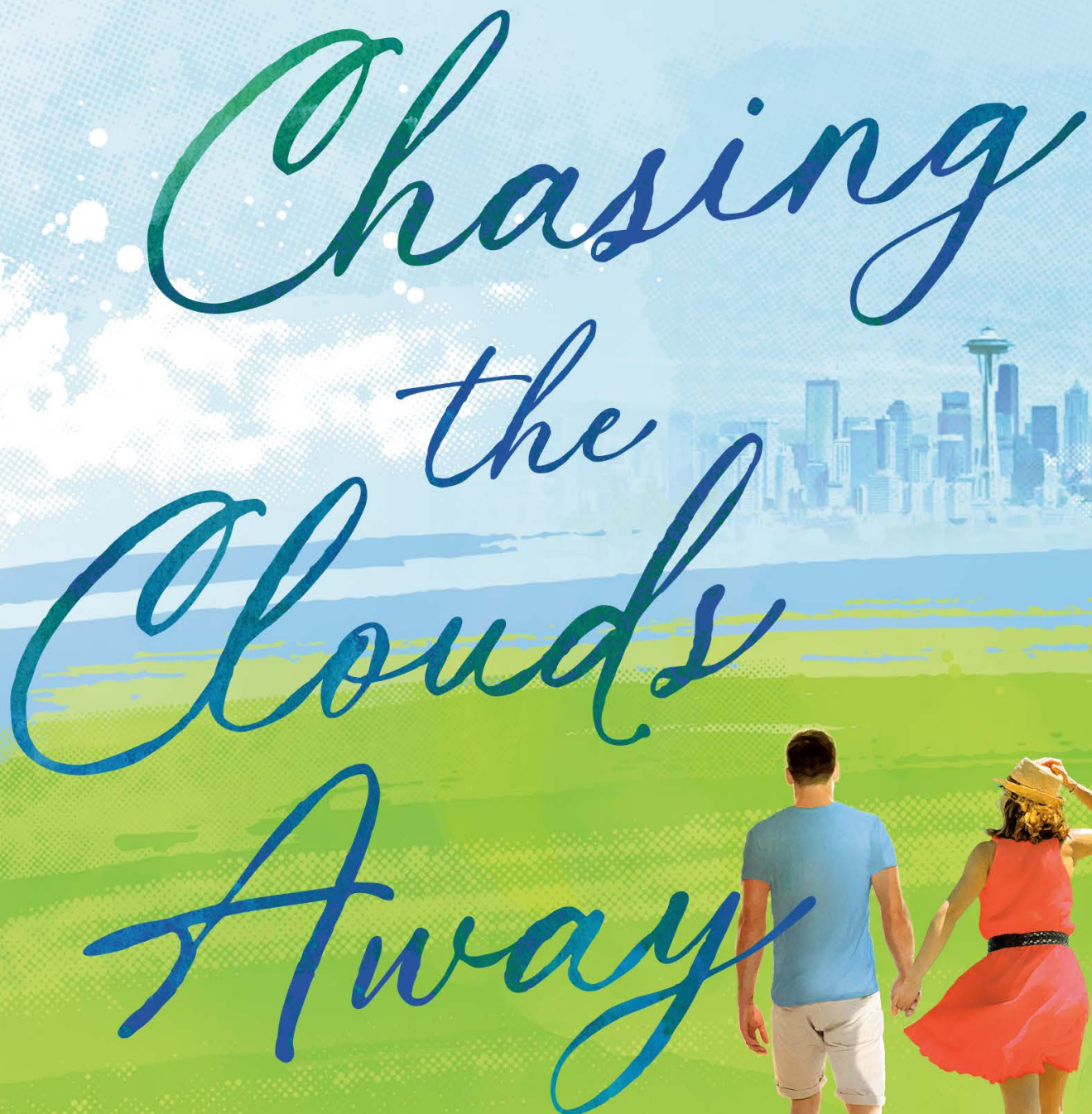


BOOK CLUB KIT

DEBBIE  
MACOMBER

*Chasing  
the  
Clouds  
Away*

A man and a woman are walking away from the viewer on a grassy hill. The man is wearing a blue t-shirt and light-colored shorts, and the woman is wearing a red dress and a hat. They are holding hands. In the background, there is a city skyline with a prominent tower, likely the Space Needle, under a blue sky with white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Chase and Maisy's relationship begins with a bit of conflict. How do their first impressions of each other shape (or mislead) their understanding of one another throughout the novel?
2. Chase insists that his mother's death doesn't affect him, yet his actions suggest otherwise. How does the novel explore unresolved grief? What ultimately allows Chase to begin healing?
3. Maisy challenges Chase to "pay it forward." How does this simple idea transform him? Which of his acts of generosity feels most meaningful to you—and why?
4. Family plays a central role in this story—from Maisy's close-knit household to Chase's emotionally distant upbringing. How do their different family experiences shape their views on love and commitment?
5. Chase initially equates strength with control and independence. How does his understanding of vulnerability evolve? What moments mark a turning point for him?
6. Maisy's mother and grandmother consistently express faith that "God will provide." How does faith influence the characters' decisions and perspectives during times of crisis?
7. Michelle's story (Chase's mother) reveals redemption later in life. How does her journey parallel or influence Chase's own transformation?
8. Maisy struggles with her belief that love alone isn't enough. What does the novel ultimately suggest about love versus practicality?
9. Several side characters experience change because of Chase and Maisy's influence. Which secondary character's arc resonated most with you?
10. If you could ask Debbie Macomber one thing about *Chasing the Clouds Away*, what would it be?

# PLAYLIST



A SKY FULL OF STARS  
Coldplay

MR BLUE SKY  
ELO

A THOUSAND MILES  
Vanessa Carlton

FROM THE CLOUDS  
Jack Johnson

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW  
Johnny Nash

CLOUD NINE  
Owl City

RAINDROPS KEEP  
FALLING ON MY HEAD  
BJ Thomas

BIGGER THAN  
THE WHOLE SKY  
Taylor Swift

LOVE IS EASY  
McFly

# DEBBIE'S HOLIDAY MASHED POTATO CASSEROLE



## INGREDIENTS:

- 6 medium potatoes
- ¼ C butter, melted
- 1 (3 oz) pkg cream cheese, cut into cubes
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- 1½ cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- ½ cup sliced almonds, toasted

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cook potatoes with skins in water until tender.
2. Drain.
3. Mash potatoes (with skins) with remaining ingredients except almonds.
4. Spoon into greased 2 Q casserole dish.
5. Bake in pre-heated 350°F oven for 30 minutes.
6. Sprinkle with almonds.
7. Serves 6.

*\*Can be prepared 24 hours ahead and refrigerated. Do not bake until serving time.*