

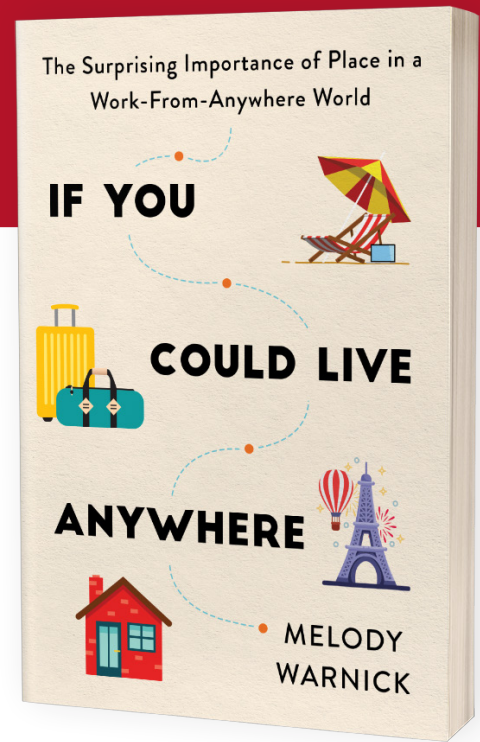
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Discussion Guide:

If You Could Live Anywhere
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Includes printable worksheet for meeting participants
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BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHEN ANYWHEREISTS RULED THE WORLD

- Do you consider yourself an Anywhereist? Why or why not?
- How often do you think about relocating?

YOU NEED A LOCATION STRATEGY

- How do you think your geographic history of places you've lived in the past influences your feelings about place now?
- If you were choosing a new place to live, what would be your top three deal-breakers?
- What values do you think would be most important for you?

YOUR TOWN IS YOUR OFFICE

- Do you agree or disagree with the statement, "Communities shape our opportunities."
- The right job helps you feel fulfilled on measures of profession, people, and purpose. So can the right community. To you, which is more fulfilling right now, your work or your city?

ALL THE TOWNS WANT YOU

- How enticing would it be to you to consider relocating to a community that offered a financial incentive for doing so?
- A 2020 Livability study found that cost of living and quality of life factors like climate, traffic, culture, and outdoor recreation bore the most weight in millennials' moving decisions. To you, what does quality of life mean?

EVERYTHING'S CHEAPER IN PANAMA

- Geographic arbitrage is the term for leveraging a lower cost of living elsewhere. Would you ever move overseas to lower your cost of living? Would you move to a different part of the country?
- How could your life be different if you lived in a lower-cost-of-living area? What would you do with the extra money?

DON'T MOVE TO SILICON VALLEY

- Have you ever thought about opening a business? What kind of business would you open if you knew you would succeed?
- A Baylor study found that highly educated people are more likely to stay in their community when there's an abundance of local retailers, which are seen as integral to quality of life. Which local retailers increase your quality of life?

THE COLLEAGUE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Finding an economic cluster can help you socialize. What would you do to make friends if you relocated right now? What have you done in your current community?
- Would you ever choose collective housing, like Maria Selting did?

YOUR CITY HAS AN INNER ARTIST

- Have you ever lived in a place that made you feel more creative?
- Do you think you'd thrive more artistically in a big city or a small town? Why?
- Are you aware of artists in your community? How can you support them?

WHEN YOU'D RATHER LIVE EVERYWHERE

- Have you ever daydreamed about being a nomad? What about it appeals to you—or doesn't?
- What benefits do you think accrue to families who go nomadic? Could you imagine doing that with small kids?
- If you could choose any three countries to live in over the next year, which would you choose? Why are you drawn to them?

SMARTER PLACES

- If you went to college, how do you feel about your college town? Do you think it would be a nice place to live permanently?
- Another phenomenon is that of the Boomerang—residents who return to their hometown after some years away. Is there a place you lived in childhood that you would consider returning to now?

BEING THE GOOD WHERE YOU LIVE

- Jason Duff is a developer who's made it his life mission to improve his adopted hometown of Bellefontaine, Ohio, by redeveloping buildings and attracting entrepreneurs to open businesses there. What's your wish list of businesses that you wish your community had?
- Nine in 10 respondents from the West wanted to live in a place that was more diverse and inclusive, according to Livability.com. How important is that to you?

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HAPPY TO BE HERE

- An intentionally chosen place reminds us of who we want to be. What do you wish you had more of in your life? Do you think you could achieve that in your current place, or do you think you'd need to move?
- Gallup's 2020 survey of the happiest countries (out of 145) found that Panama ranked highest on the positive experience scale, followed by El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Colombia, and Indonesia. Why do you think these relatively poor countries rank high on happiness?

YOU TOO CAN BE AN ANYWHEREIST

- If you don't already have a remote job, can you imagine going remote? What kind of work do you think you could do?
- Below is the Anywhereist Manifesto. Which statement do you most strongly agree with? Which do you most strongly disagree with? Why?

ANYWHEREIST MANIFESTO

1. When you work from anywhere, the right place can make you better at your work.
2. If you can work anywhere, you can live anywhere too.
3. Where you live both matters a lot and doesn't matter at all.
4. Your values should show up in your place.
5. It's good to be wanted. It's even better to be needed.
6. When you're an Anywhereist, your town is your office. (Comes from the idea that we look to our workplaces to provide a lot of our satisfaction and engagement in life. Maybe we should look to our communities.)
7. We all do better when we all do better.
8. Investing in your place creates meaning in your life.
9. The right place reminds you of what matters most to you.

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