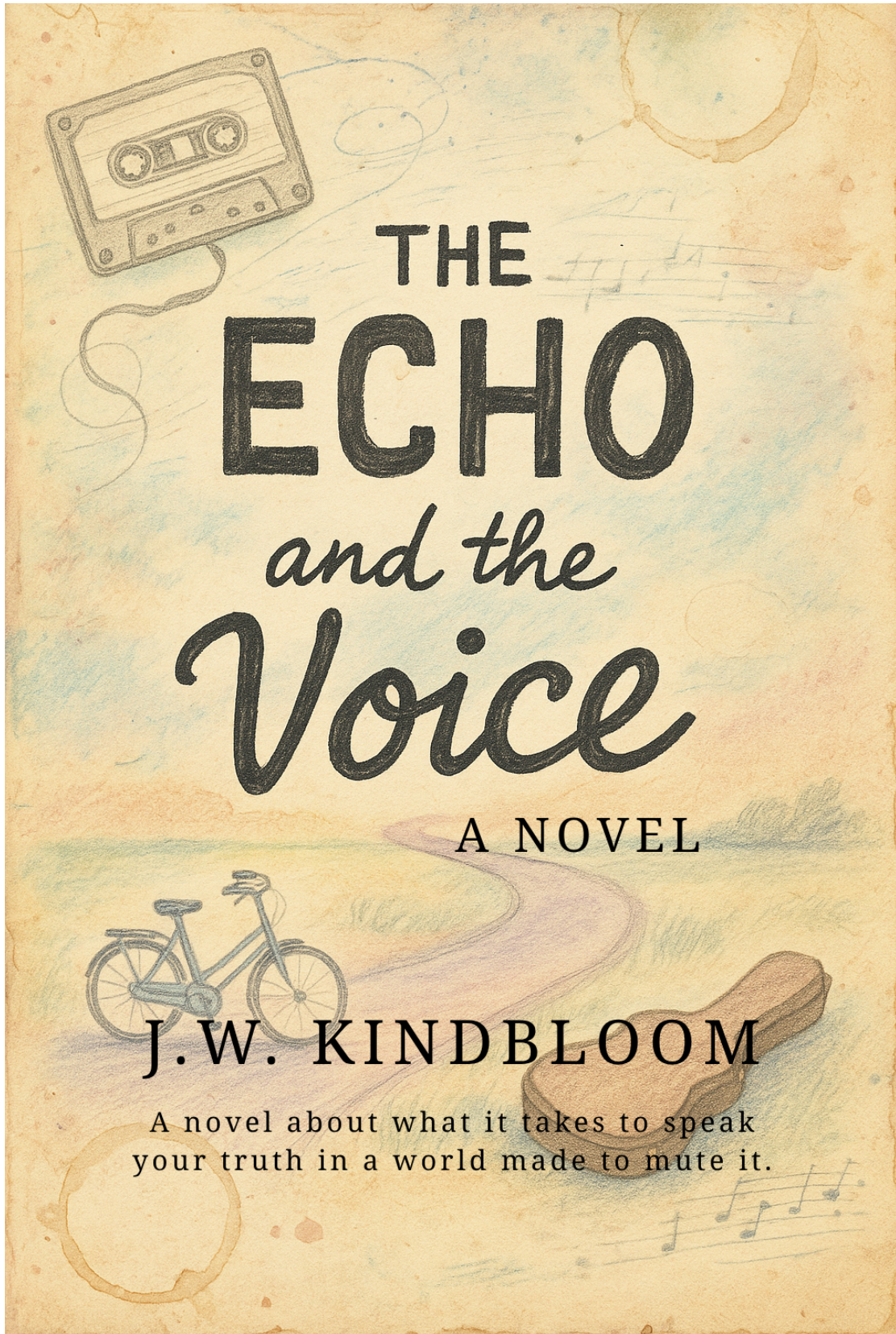


Facilitator Discussion Guide



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A novel about what it takes to speak
your truth in a world made to mute it.

Discussion Guide for Facilitators

Designed for facilitators leading retreats, coaching circles, or group experiences focused on growth, purpose, or creative recovery.

How to Use This Guide

This story can serve as a portal into conversations around:

- Rediscovering self
- Navigating silence, shame, or compromise
- Creative expression as healing or reintegration

You may pair these questions with movement, writing, breathwork, or group art practices.

Discussion Questions for Circles & Retreats

1. Which moment in the book mirrored something in your life?
 2. Who or what has been your version of “The Echo”?
 3. What helps you listen to your own voice—especially when it’s hard to hear?
 4. Which character helped you feel seen? Which one challenged you?
 5. What are you returning to—or what has been calling you back?
 6. Have you ever had to walk away from something that once felt like a dream?
 7. What compromises have shaped you? Which ones would you undo?
 8. If you had one napkin—one line of clarity to save—what would it say?
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The Echo in Group Dialogue

Helping participants explore the presence of the Echo in their own stories and environments

In *The Echo and the Voice*, Jonas models what it means to hold onto one's inner truth despite immense pressure. This section helps participants notice where they may have quieted their own Voice—or where others around them are caught in systems of conformity.

Facilitators are encouraged to present this section with care. Some participants may resonate instantly; others may feel discomfort. Both are valuable.

Suggested Framing for Group Use

“Let’s take a few minutes to explore the idea of ‘the Echo’—not as something to judge in ourselves or others, but as something many of us move through without realizing it.”

You may begin with journaling, silent reflection, or group dialogue depending on your context.

Echo Indicators (for reflection)

- Living by external expectations rather than internal values
 - Feeling disconnected from one’s younger self or early creative instincts
 - Avoiding change even when unhappy
 - Dismissing dreams as impractical or naive
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Prompts for Group Discussion or Journaling

- What might living in the Echo look like in your own life?
- Is there someone in your life you now see differently through this lens?
- What keeps us aligned with the Echo? What helps break that alignment?

Facilitator Note: Invite storytelling, not solutions. Avoid turning this into “how to escape the Echo.” The goal is recognition, not prescription.



Optional Practices

- **Closing ritual:** Have participants write a personal “returning statement” and share aloud if willing.
- **Voice practice:** Invite a few participants to speak or sing a line that matters to them.
- **Creative integration:** Create a “map of returning” using collage, drawing, or movement.

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