The Passengers on the Hankyu Line by Hiro Arikawa

Book Club Questions

1. How do the chance encounters on the Hankyu Line change the passengers' lives?
2. Which character did you relate to the most, and why?
3. How does the train journey reflect the characters' personal journeys?
4. How do small acts of kindness influence the characters?
5. Why do you think the author connects strangers' stories through a shared train ride?
6. How do the characters deal with heartbreak, loneliness, or difficult relationships?
7. What role do first impressions play in the way passengers view one another?
8. How does the changing scenery reflect the characters' emotions or growth?
9. What does the novel suggest about the impact strangers can have on our lives?
10. Which character's story stayed with you the most, and why?

January Book: No Longer Human by Osamu Dazai