

***Nature's Best Hope* by Doug Tallamy**

Discussion Questions

Choose several of these discussion questions that you would like to discuss.

- What did you know about this subject prior to reading this book? What preconceived opinions did you have and did these change after reading the book?
- Why do you think Tallamy opened the book with a chapter on conservation “visionaries”?
- What are the book's strengths and weaknesses?
- When we visit National or State Parks or other “wild areas” the scale can make them seem enormous. Were you surprised to learn that 83% of land in the U.S. is privately owned? Tallamy asserts that “if we planted native on 50% of private land we would restore biodiversity.” Do you think this is a realistic goal? In what ways could private citizens be encouraged to do this?
- How much did you interact with nature as a child and what is your relationship with nature now.
- Why do you think Tallamy shares the story about his adult son wanting to remove a fox and her litter from beneath his porch in a crowded Washington DC suburb? What would you do if you were in the same situation?
- What was your favorite part of the book? What was your least favorite?
- What do you think Doug Tallamy was trying to achieve by writing this book? What theme of his stands out for you?
- If you were interviewing Doug Tallamy, what would you ask him?
- Do you agree with Tallamy that even small landowners have a personal responsibility for good earth stewardship? Why or why not?

Questions adapted from Wright Memorial Public Library Book Club and Green Reads Book Club as well as general questions from Bookish.com