

Ways to Start the Conversation

Reading the book

- Some people think the first sentence of a novel is the most important? Would you agree or disagree with that, based on this book?
- What did you think of the ending? Did the ending make you want to read more books of this author of this type of book?
- Did you race to the end, or was it more a slow burn?
- At what point in the book did you decide you liked it or not? What helped make this decision?
- What was it about the book that you liked/disliked?
- What format did you use? Print, e-book, audio? How did that experience impact the story?
- Would you consider re-reading this book? Why or why not? What would you say to persuade a friend to read the book or not to read it?

Thinking about the book

- For the person who chose this book (or those who voted for it), why did you select it?
- How thought-provoking did you find the book? Did the book change your opinion about anything, or did you learn anything new from it? If so, what?
- If you had to choose one word to describe this book, what would it be?
- What surprised you most about the book?
- Rate the book on a scale of 1 to 10.

For Historical Fiction

- Is it difficult to keep our own modern-day experiences from influencing the reading of a historical fiction tale? Can we really imagine what life was like for the characters within the context of the time period.?
- What did you learn about the time in which the book is set that you did previously not know?
- How did his book change your perspective on this historical time or historical event?

For Mysteries

- What is a mystery? How is it like or different from a puzzle?
- Do you think you would make a good detective? What skills or characteristics might be important in solving mysteries?
- Would you recommend this work to a non-mystery/thriller fan?

For Biographies or Autobiographies

- How honest do you think the author was being?
- Did you know anything about this person (or subject) prior to reading this book? What preconceived opinions do you have and did this change after reading the book?
- What is the person's most commendable quality? Their worst? Is this individual someone you would want to know or have known?

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