

Born of Illusion

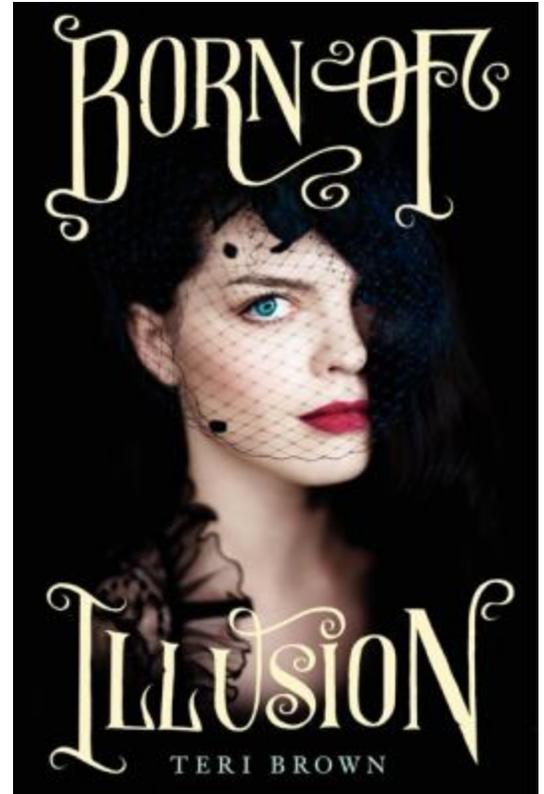
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Discussion Questions

Before Reading:

1. Have you ever been to a magic show? Could you tell how the magician was doing the trick? Would you rather believe it is magic or know how the trick works? Why do you feel that way?
2. Born of Illusion is set in the 1920s. If you could live in another time period from history, which would you chose and why?

After Reading:

1. Teri Brown does an excellent job at keeping her readers on their toes. You never seem to know who the bad guy is until the very end. How did your mind change about who the villain was as you read the book? What changed your mind each time?
2. Anna isn't really sure that she wants to know if Houdini is or isn't her father. How would you feel in her situation and why?
3. Did you hope Anna would end up with Cole or Owen? Explain.
4. Anna has a very complicated relationship with her mother; even though they don't get along sometimes, she still feels compelled to protect her mother when she is trying to figure out the visions. Why do you think she feels this way?
5. Anna feels led to hide her true ability from her mother and the world. What is her motivation behind this? Do you think this was the right decision? What would you do if you were in her situation?



Post Reading Activities:

1. Use resources like YouTube and your library to research magic tricks. Learn to perform a magic trick and try it out on your friends!
2. Write chapter 2 from Mr. Darby or Cole's point of view. What might they have been doing before and after speaking with Anna. What were they thinking during the meeting?

