



Children of the Fox

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Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions

1. In the novel, *Children of the Fox*, the protagonist, Callan, leads a group of young thieves. What qualities do you think Callan and his crew might need to successfully pull off a heist?
2. This novel is titled "*Children of the Fox*". What do you think the fox mentioned in the title symbolizes? How might this symbolism relate to the characters or the story?
3. Look closely at the cover illustration. What details can you spot that might hint at important elements in the story, such as key characters, objects, or settings? Write your thoughts on a piece of paper to refer back to once you have finished the story. What elements did you interpret correctly or incorrectly?

Post-reading questions

1. How does Callan demonstrate his leadership skills throughout the story? Can you provide specific examples of his decisions and their outcomes?
2. Why does Callan suspect the job offered by Mr. Solomon is a trap? Use examples from the book.
3. How does Callan and the crew get past the willbond ward on the High Weaver's palace?
4. What talent or strength does each member of the crew have? How does this affect how their heist strategies are planned?
5. Do any characters face moral dilemmas during their mission? How do they resolve these dilemmas, and what does this reveal about their personalities?
6. Why does Callan hear the Old Man's voice in his head? How does the Old Man's character affect the story even though he's not physically present throughout the novel?
7. Are there any flashbacks or backstory elements provided for the characters? How do these elements help you understand their motivations and personalities better? Do you have any additional questions about specific characters and their origin stories? Do you think the author will reveal them in the sequel?
8. Why does Callan and the other members of the crew have a hard time trusting each other? How are themes of loyalty and friendship explored through their interactions? Can you identify key moments where trust is forged between crew members?
9. What caused the Old Man and Callan to fight and part ways? How did Callan's approval of stealing change over the years? Do the young thieves feel justified or conflicted by their actions? Would they remain thieves if given the choice to leave the lifestyle behind?
10. ****Spoiler**** Were you shocked to learn who the villain truly was? What foreshadowing did the author leave as clues to the reader? How did this impact the direction of the story?******

Post-reading activities

1. What is a fable? Think of the story of Fox and Bear, write your own short fable using animals to teach a moral or lesson.

2. Do you wish the author had written chapters from a different character's point of view? Choose your favorite character besides Callan and write a chapter of the story from your chosen character's viewpoint.
3. Can you believe the cliffhanger at the end? What do you think will happen next? Will the Eye betray Callan? Will the crew be able to save one of their own? What does the future hold for our young friends? Write an epilogue chapter to Children of the Fox and submit it to the Tome Society Fan Fiction Competition. Be sure to check out the rules and guidelines on the Tome Society website.

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