



City Spies

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Tome Society It List Discussion Guide

Pre-reading questions

1. One of the themes of this book is weather and the environment. Have you read any other books that have a similar theme? What are your predictions for how this theme will play out in the book?
2. What do you like about the cover? Does it match the description of the book? If you could change the cover, how would you redesign it? Why do you think the book is called “City Spies”?
3. This book is about spies and secret agents. Have you read any other spy books? Do you like this genre? What genre or setting is your favorite to read?
4. Each character in this book gets a special code name. What would your secret spy code name be?

Post-reading questions

1. Did you like how this book ended? Were you surprised by it? If you could change the ending of this book, how would you change it and why? Are you excited to read the next book in the series?
2. Who were your favorite and least favorite characters? Why?
3. What flaws did you recognize in Sara? How did she change as the book progressed? Did she overcome her flaws or did they help her in some way?
4. What lessons did Sara learn in the story?
5. In the story, you learn that Mother has been searching for someone specific. How did this change what you knew about Mother and the story so far? Were you surprised by this revelation?
6. Compare and contrast Sara’s and Olivia’s characters. How were they alike and different? Who did you like better?
7. How did this book relate to the Tome Society 2021-2022 Annual Theme, “Turn the Page”?
8. If you could change something about one of the characters, what would you change and why?
9. Tell all that you know about Mother. Did you like this character? How did Mother influence Sara’s life?
10. Come up with a Like, Try, Why for this book. Tell the group another book they should try if they like this book, and why they are similar or would appeal to a reader who enjoyed this book.

Post-reading activities

1. Come up with a spy name, a fake identity, and a cover story.
2. Write an epilogue to this book (a chapter that would come at the end that would make us want find out what comes next for the characters). Be sure to use the same writing style as the author.
3. Create a promotional poster about this book for your library.

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