



The Green Ember

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Tome Society It List Discussion Guide



Pre-reading questions

1. Based on the cover, what do you think this book will be about?
2. Have you read books before that had animals as the main characters? Do you like books that feature animals as the main characters?
3. Do you like the cover of the book? Why or why not? What would you change about it without reading the book?

Post-reading questions

1. Describe Heather and Picket's strategies for playing Starseek. How does the way they approach Starseek reflect their personalities?
2. Why does Heather and Picket's father forbid them from going to the East Forest?
3. How does Heather feel about Jacks and Picket's "brotherly bond"? Why do you think she feels this way? Do you think Picket intends for it to hurt her feelings? How does Heather and Picket's relationship change throughout the story?
4. Why does Father have such a difficult time telling the story of King Jupiter? Did you predict this twist?
5. Who do you think painted the pictures in Heather and Picket's bed chamber? Were you surprised to discover who the artist was?
6. Describe Kyle's personality, why do you think he acts the way that he does?
7. How does Picket feel about Smalls? What doesn't he like him? Does Picket even know? Why can't he stop disliking him?
8. Discuss this quote, "You know you have a choice about how you see things". What do you think Emma was trying to tell Picket?

Post-reading activities

1. Choose a character or scene from the book and create a piece of fan art depicting it. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions and submit your final work to the Fan Art competition.
2. Choose one of the characters and write a letter to the author from the character's perspective. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions and submit your final work to the Character-to-Author Letter competition.
3. Use a graphic design program (such as Canva) to redesign the cover of the book. Follow the guidelines for the Digital Book Cover Redesign competition and submit your final work.

More About This Book

Author's Website: www.sdsmith.com

Discussion Guide/Book Club Package:

<https://store.sdsmith.com/products/the-green-ember-book-club-party-activity-guide-official>

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