



# **The Last Namsara**

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### **Tome Society It List Discussion Guide**



#### **Pre-reading questions:**

1. Why would someone believe storytelling is dangerous?
2. How can labeling a person be harmful? Can it be helpful?
3. Have you had an experience where you discovered your first impression or preconceived knowledge about a person was wrong?

#### **Post-reading questions:**

1. Asha takes on the role of Iskari for the people of Firgaard. Is there a legend or mythical character you relate with?
2. If you could hear this same story from another person's point of view, who would you choose?
3. How did Asha's beliefs about the dragons and scrublanders change?
4. In Asha and Torwin's discussion about Death Asha calls Death a thief and Torwin disagrees calling Death a deliverer. How do you view death?
5. Who and what does Asha allow to shape her self-identity?
6. Compare the brother/sister relationship between Asha and Dax to Roa and Jas's relationship.
7. Do you believe Asha feels redeemed? Why or why not?
8. \*Spoiler alert\* The book ends with the idea that Asha's story was at its beginning. What do you think the next chapter might look like?

#### **Post-reading Activities**

1. Create a promotional flyer advertising The Last Namsara. Follow the guidelines for the Promotional Flyer competition at [tomesociety.org/competitions.html](https://tomesociety.org/competitions.html) to enter your flyer into the Tome Flyer competition.
2. Create a vlog discussing The Last Namsara. A vlog is a 6-10 minute video blog book review. NOTE: A vlog is normally a very casual video without added graphics. It mainly focuses on the thoughts of the person(s) sharing. Follow the guidelines to enter it into the Tome Vlog competition.
3. What songs does this book make you think of? Create a book group playlist together.

#### **More About This Book**

- Check out the author's discussion guide and other extras here: <https://www.kristenciccarelli.com/extras>
- Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/HiPtRnJissk>
- FlipGrid Topic Link: <https://flipgrid.com/a989aafc>
- Check out the authors' official websites at: <https://www.kristenciccarelli.com/>