



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

The Huntress by Kate Quinn

1. The book begins with all the characters standing on different lake shores. Nina and the Huntress clash for the first time at Lake Rusalka in Poland, and everyone comes together ultimately at the lake in Massachusetts. Discuss how the idea of the lake, and the rusalka lake spirit, weaves through *The Huntress*.
2. Jordan's drive to become a photographer clashes with the expectations of her father that she will marry her high school boyfriend, work in the family business, and relegate picture-snapping to a hobby. How have expectations of career versus marriage changed for women since 1950?
3. The Night Witches earn their nickname from the Germans, who find their relentless drive on bombing runs terrifying, but the men on their own side haze them, mock them, and call them "little princesses." How does prejudice and misogyny drive the women of the Forty-Sixth to succeed? Did you know anything about the Night Witches before reading *The Huntress*?
4. When Jordan first brings up suspicions about her stepmother at Thanksgiving, her theories are quashed by Anneliese's plausible explanations. Did you believe Anneliese's story at Thanksgiving, or Jordan's instinct? When did you realize that Jordan's stepmother and Jagerin were one and the same?
5. Ian and Nina talk about lakes and parachutes, referencing the bad dreams and postwar baggage that inevitably come to those who have gone to war. How do Ian and Tony deal with their post-traumatic stress disorder and survivor guilt, as opposed to Nina and the Night Witches?
6. Jordan sincerely comes to love Anneliese who is not just her stepmother, but her friend. After learning the truth about Anneliese's past, Jordan is perturbed that she cannot simply switch off her affection for the one person who encouraged her to chase her dreams. How do you think you would react if you found out a beloved family member was a murderer and a war criminal?

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Author Biography

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