



RUSH HARBOR

a novel

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Discussion Questions

1. How does the concept of Hush Harbor as a pseudo-sanctuary impact the resistance group's mission and their strategies for justice?
2. In what ways does the novel explore the theme of ancestral ties and its influence on the characters' motivations and actions?
3. Discuss the ideological differences between Jeremiah Prince and his sister Nova. How do these differences shape the direction of the resistance group and the decisions they make?
4. How does the presence of a mayor with white supremacist ties add to the tension and urgency in the story? What challenges does it pose for the resistance group?
5. What sacrifices are the characters willing to make in the pursuit of justice? How do these sacrifices affect their individual journeys and the collective struggle?
6. The text mentions protests spreading like wildfire in Bliss City. How does the portrayal of protests in the novel reflect real-life events and the racial reckoning happening in America?
7. Explore the significance of the abandoned housing project being named Hush Harbor. How does this historical reference shape the group's identity and their fight for justice?
8. Discuss the emotional impact and themes evoked by the novel, such as haunting, provocation, heart-pounding moments, and tenderness. How do these elements contribute to the overall narrative?
9. What parallels can be drawn between the fictional world of the novel and current sociopolitical events in America? How does the novel contribute to the ongoing discussions surrounding racial justice?
10. Consider the question posed in the text: "What would you sacrifice in the name of justice?" How does this question resonate with you personally, and how does it relate to the characters' choices and dilemmas in the story?