

BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BOOK CLUBS

A Time Traveler's Masquerade

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1. Did the author's use of time travel enhance or complicate your connection to the historical context of the Gunpowder Plot?
2. How does Simon's perception of Isla evolve, and how does his worldview shift through their interactions?
3. Isla is pulled from her familiar life and placed in a drastically different time. How does she change throughout the story?
4. How does Simon represent his time period, and in what ways does he challenge the norms of his era?
5. How does this story explore the idea of home? Is it a place, a time, or a person?
6. What do you think Isla learns about herself—and her own time period—by living in the past?
7. How effectively does the author evoke the atmosphere of 1605 England? Were there any details that particularly stood out to you?
8. If you were to travel back to 1605, what modern convenience would you miss most?
9. Which of the secondary characters did you find most compelling, and why? How important are they to the story as a whole?
10. How well did the book balance Isla and Simon's romance with the suspense of the Gunpowder Plot?
11. Were you familiar with the real-life events of Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators before reading the book? How did that affect your reading experience?
12. Did you find the resolution satisfying—both in terms of the historical plot and Isla and Simon's fates?

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