

Book Debrief Questions

1. What is the significance of the title of the book?
2. What is a good alternative title for the book?
3. What was unique about the setting of the book and how did it enhance or take away from the story?
4. Do the characters seem real or believable? Can you relate to their predicament(s)?
5. How do characters change or evolve throughout the course of the story, and what events trigger these changes?
6. In addition to the main or title character, what other character did you find interesting? How did that character add to your understanding or interest in the story?
7. If this book were made into a movie, who would you cast in the title roles? Why?
8. Who tells the story in the book--what is the narrative point of view? Is there a single viewpoint or shifting viewpoints?
9. What difference did the structure make in the way you read or understood the book? Why might the author have chosen to tell the story the way it was told?
10. What scene was the most pivotal in the book? How do you think the story would have changed had that scene not taken place?
11. If this book were made into a movie and you were the director, how would you set up the opening scene?
12. Name a specific theme emphasized throughout the book. What do you think the author was trying to get across to the reader through this theme?
13. If you could meet the author, what question would you ask about the book? Why?
14. Did this book change or broaden your perspective in any particular way? Did you learn something new about people or a certain part of the world?
15. Did you think the ending was appropriate or satisfying? How would you have liked the book to end?
16. Who would you recommend this book to, and why? If not, why not?