



Book Club in a Bag

Discussion Questions

“Game of Thrones” by George R. R. Martin

1. The novel is told in 8 parts by a limited omniscient narrator (a narrator who is limited to one character’s point of view). In your opinion, does this writing style contribute or distract from the story?
2. The fantasy genre traditionally has archetypal characters embodying good and evil. However, the characters do not conform to this literary convention. Discuss your impressions of these morally ambiguous characters.
3. Did you find yourself rooting for any characters? If so, why?
4. In order to dethrone the king, Ned places his trust in many characters. However, his trust in others leads to his downfall. Do you think Ned misplaced his trust in others? Do you think he blindly trusted other characters?
5. Discuss one scene in the novel that you found to be shocking.
6. On many occasions, characters must decide between duty and love to do what they believe to be most honourable. Discuss the struggles the characters face and how their choices are perceived by others.
7. George R. R. Martin has been criticized for the amount of sex and violence in the novel. Do you think the sex and violence contributed or distracted to the narrative?
8. How does the change of seasons mirror the events in the novel?
9. Discuss the ending of the book. Did you find the ending disappointing or satisfying?
10. If you could change one event in the novel, what would it be and why?

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