

Book Club Discussion Questions

Warrior Girl Unearthed

by Angeline Boulley

1. Before reading, what did you know about stolen tribal relics and artifacts? How did it compare to Perry's story?
2. What was the meaning behind Warrior Girl appearing in Perry's dreams?
3. The book discusses identity, community, lost history, grooming, injustice, violence toward women, and more. What themes and topics stood out to you the most?
4. There is often a struggle between Cooper, a rule follower, and Web, who isn't afraid to break rules no matter the cost. Discuss how modern versus traditional ideals impact her tribe.
5. At the beginning of the book, Perry is determined to have a laid-back summer. However, she becomes motivated to fight for her tribe. How did Perry's character change throughout the book?
6. What did you think of Perry's planned heist? Would you have done anything differently?
7. Throughout the book, Lockhart constantly calls the artifacts his "treasures." What is the significance of this?
8. What do you think of Perry and Warrior Girl's connection? How did it affect Perry in her journey?
9. While the journey to return Indigenous ancestors and relics is at the forefront of this story, the plight of missing Native women is a crucial part of Perry's story as it circles closer and closer to home. Did you anticipate who was behind the crimes against women? Were you surprised to find out the truth?
10. Discuss the pros and cons of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. Were you aware of before reading this book?
11. What was the significance of the seeds that Perry stole? Why do you think the author chose to have this happen and have them be pumpkin seeds?
12. Perry remarks on the differences between the connection the elders and the younger generation have to their Anishinaabe roots. How do the Anishinaabek work to bridge this gap in the book?
13. What is a wiindigoo? Why did the author choose this mythical creature as a comparison to the person responsible for the missing Native women as well as others?

Discussion questions by the author.

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