

A ROYAL GUIDE TO MONSTER SLAYING THE GRYPHON'S LAIR

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Young Readers Book Club

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSIONS



1. Rowan and Rhydd are the royal twins in their kingdom. If you had a choice, would you prefer to be the Royal Monster Hunter or the king/queen? Why?
2. Rowan keeps a journal in which she sketches and notes down characteristics of the creatures during her training. If you were to keep a journal, what would it be about?
3. What qualities do you think a good ruler should have?
4. What do you think is the purpose of having restrictions on a monarch's power?
5. Sometimes making the right choice can be a difficult decision. Do you support Rowan's decision in returning Tiera to the mountains? Have you ever had to make hard choices yourself?
6. In Tamarel, the royal positions are inherited, much like if your family farms, then you would become a farmer, and if your family fished, then you would be a fisher. What are some of the pros and cons for this system?
7. Rowan encounters a lot of discrimination based on her gender. Some people don't want to hire a woman monster hunter or river guide, and if they do, they offer her less money. Discuss why there are presumptions like these in gender roles when it comes to carrying out a job.
8. Gryphons are misunderstood creatures. What would you do if you were Rowan, to help change people's perception of that?
9. Rowan and her companions meet lots of new creatures during their adventure. Which one was your favorite and why?
10. What do you think the next book in the series should be called? Come up with a cover design using your own artwork.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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