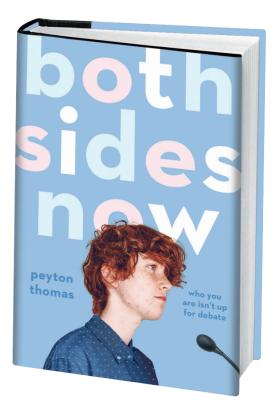
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## **Book Club Discussion Guide**

#### **About the Author**



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#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What do you think of the book's title? What other title might you choose?
- 2. What is the point of debate? When is debate helpful?
- 3. Which character did you relate to the most and what was it about them that you connected with?
- 4. Do you think Finch should have participated in the final debate? Why or why not?
- 5. What are some of the themes in *Both Sides Now*? Which themes resonate the most with you?

- 6. Can you think of a time that you changed your mind about an issue after participating in a debate or an argument?
- 7. Share a favorite passage from the book. Why did this passage stand out to you?
- 8. Did any of the characters in the book remind you of someone you know?
- 9. Which character in *Both Sides Now* did you like the least and why?
- 10. If you got the chance to ask Peyton Thomas one question about *Both Sides Now*, what would it be?



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