

THE GRAVE THIEF

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In *The Grave Thief*, gemstones and names are used as symbols throughout the story. What do you think the names or objects that a character carries could tell you about the character? What might they symbolize? For example, Queen Carmelia wears an ice-blue sapphire and Ember is named after a spark of fire.
2. Different cultures have various superstitions and traditions, like Spade and his family. Do you know of any superstitions? Are you a part of a family with any unique traditions?
3. If you found a magic pebble like the one that Spade found, what sort of power would you hope for? Should there be a restriction to the power you could have?
4. Spade has to face some of his greatest fears in order to save his brother. What is a fear that you could imagine yourself having to overcome in order to save something important to you?
5. Ember has a unique talent: she's gifted at sensing lies. In what ways could this talent could be beneficial to possess? In what ways could it be difficult?
6. Ash is Spade's accomplice and his favorite animal friend. Ravens make great thieves because of their cleverness and ability to figure out puzzles, not to mention they can make a quick getaway! What sort of animal would you want as your thief accomplice?
7. If you could hear the same story from another person's point of view in *The Grave Thief*, who would you choose?
8. If you were casting the movie of this book, who would you choose as the actors?

