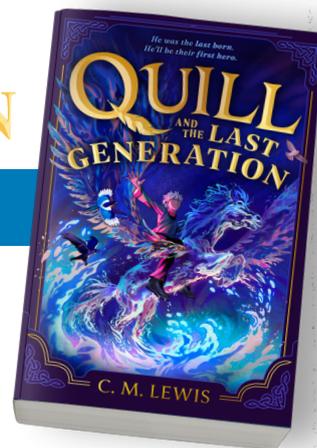


QUILL AND THE LAST GENERATION

BOOK CLUB- READING QUESTIONS



1. What made you want to read this book? Was it the cover, the title or something else?
2. The story starts in a world where no babies have been born for twelve years. What did you think when you found that out?
3. Quill sees himself as 'shy' and 'ordinary'. Do you think that makes him a good hero or an unlikely one? How is he different from other heroes you've read about?
4. Quill has two families: the parents who raised him and the birth parents he learns about. How does he deal with belonging to both? Do you think he handles it well?
5. Deryn, Finn and Eos are all very different. Who did you like best, and why? Did any of them behave in a way that surprised you?
6. Quill's dad is really protective of him, sometimes Quill feels he's too protective. Why do you think he acts this way? Do you think Quill starts to see his dad differently as the story goes on?
7. Macsen tells Quill that being quiet and thoughtful can be powerful. Do you agree? Can you think of times in the story, or in your life, when being quiet turned out to be a strength?
8. Quill has to learn to trust Solas, his new friends and even himself. Which friendship or bond in the book shows best what it takes to build trust? What helped that trust grow?
9. The story is all about balance: light and dark, summer and winter, the Overworld and the Underworld. Why do you think balance is so important in this world? Can one side exist without the other?
10. Quill often worries that he's not the right person to lead his new friends. How does he deal with those feelings? Do you think doubting yourself can sometimes be helpful?
11. This story is inspired by Welsh myths and legends. Were there any creatures, places or ideas from the Underworld that really stuck with you?
12. There are lots of different types of dragon in the Underworld. Which ones did you like best? What did you think about how different characters treat them?
13. Quill and his water horse Solas have a really special bond. What makes their friendship work? If you've read other stories with magical creature companions, how does Quill and Solas's bond compare?
14. If you could visit the Underworld, what would you most want to see? And what would you definitely want to avoid?
15. This is the first book in a trilogy. What questions do you still have? What do you hope happens in the next book?