

# Mercy's Legacy

## Discussion Guide

Thank you for reading *Mercy's Legacy*. Feel free to use the following questions to facilitate meaningful discussion about the book.

1.

When Liberty risks her life to save Mingo, why does she value family over safety? How does this mirror modern characters' choices?

2.

What biases do we see today, and how does the book challenge them?

3.

Do you think David's decision to take Mercy to Chicago was heroic or reckless? How does sibling love drive tough choices?

4.

Liberty's anger at "freedom" feeling like slavery echoes modern frustrations. Where do you see echoes in Natassa or DeAndre's stories?

5.

What does the historical storyline in this book teach about generational wounds?

6.

Liberty's outrage at chain gangs mirrors DeAndre's fears. How does the book link historical injustice to today?

7.

Why do you think Thaddeus's stutter vanishes around Liberty? What role does vulnerability have in relationships?

8.

What broke down racial walls in this novel? What breaks them down in real life? Do you have an example from your personal experience?

9.

Does Natassa's "sit in the sad" philosophy ring true to you? How does the book show grief's role in healing?

It's so much easier to hate people from a distance, much harder when you get close enough to see your own reflection in their eyes.



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10. The worship night was a powerful experience for the characters. How does praise transcend division? What role does it play in reconciliation?
11. Do you think DeAndre's request for visitation was justified? What boundaries do you think would have been right in this case?
12. How does our ancestry shape our identity? How does discovering our roots shape our view of ourselves and the world?
13. What did you think of the Covid 19 pandemic being included? Did you appreciate the realism, or do you wish the novel would have pretended it didn't happen?
14. DeAndre felt it important to allow Mercy to watch Black Panther. Do you agree with his reasoning or with Natassa's? If you were in Natassa's place, how would you connect Mercy to her racial heritage?
15. Which character arc was your favorite? Why?
16. What was your favorite book in this series? Why?
17. What was your biggest takeaway from this series? What was your favorite moment in the series?
18. Who needs this book and why?

Thank you for reading and discussing *Mercy's Legacy*. Don't forget to leave a review!