

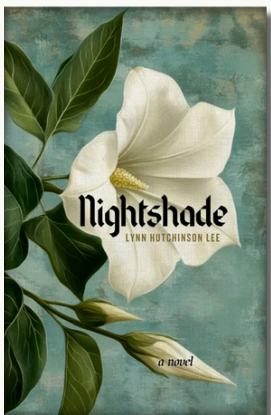


ALU BOOK CLUB

Discussion Questions

Nightshade
Lynn Hutchinson Lee
Assembly Press

1. Which character did you find the most compelling, and why?
2. Why do you think Zelda is so drawn to Trixie Tormentine? Did your opinion of Trixie change as the story unfolded?
3. The setting evokes a sense of danger, but also beauty. How does Lynn Hutchinson Lee create the tension between the two?
4. Before reading this novel, how familiar were you with Romany representation in Canadian literature? How does the novel challenge assumptions or stereotypes about Romany people?
5. Zelda and her family treat their puppets as living members of the family. What does this suggest about the importance of family traditions and cultural heritage in the novel?
6. What do you think *Nightshade* is saying about belonging and being seen?



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