

BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Diversion – A MacIver Kids Adventure”

PRE-MEETING PREPARATION

- Research basic facts about Europa and Jupiter
- Look up information about underwater cities
- Bring images of how you imagine Atlantis looks
- Consider your own definition of family

OPENING DISCUSSION

Start with general reactions:

- Initial response to the story
- Which MacIver sibling did you relate to most?
- Thoughts on the blend of science fiction with family drama

KEY THEMES FOR DISCUSSION

1. *Family & Belonging*

- How do the MacIvers prove family isn't just about blood?
- What makes their family dynamic work?
- Diana's integration into their family
- Role of Nani and Baba

2. *Power & Society*

- Earth society vs. Atlantean society
- Leonidis's methods of control
- Treatment of “imperfect” individuals
- Pod system & real-world parallels

3. *Love & Sacrifice*

- Allen's decision to separate Brad and Iris
- Symbolism of the bracelets
- Helen and John's parallel relationship
- Different forms of sacrifice

4. *Technology & Progress*

- Earth vs. Atlantean technology

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- The radiation problem
- The Three's control system
- Allen's technological impact

5. Gender & Power

- Women in Atlantean society
 - Allen's gender leadership changes
 - Diana's escape journey
 - MacIver girls challenging norms
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CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Deep dive into:

- Brad: Protective brother to partner
- Allen: Knowledge bearer
- Iris: Traditional to leader
- Diana: Victim to survivor
- Leonidis: Motivations
- MacIver sisters: Diverse strengths

CULTURAL DEEP DIVE

- Atlantean traditions
- Union ceremonies
- Caste system effects
- Role of science & technology

WRITING ELEMENTS

- Action vs. character development
 - Multiple viewpoints
 - World-building
 - Revelation pacing
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FUTURE SPECULATION

- Next chapter for characters
- Brad & Iris reunion possibilities
- Diana's Earth adaptation
- Atlantis's journey ahead

 **CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

World Building:

- Design Atlantis
- City mapping
- Fashion design

Performance:

- Scene reenactments
- Reunion dialogues

Writing:

- Epilogue creation
- Character letters
- Diana's diary

Science Exploration:

- Jupiter's moons
- Underwater city feasibility
- Radiation shielding

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REFRESHMENTS

- Blue ocean-themed foods
- Indian chai
- Mentioned story foods

FURTHER READING

- Found family stories
 - Social sci-fi
 - Cultural YA novels
 - Underwater civilizations
 - Space exploration
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DISCUSSION TIPS

- Include everyone
- Welcome different views
- Make personal connections
- Draw current parallels
- Stay focused but flexible

Note: This guide can be adapted for your group's needs and interests