



JO ALLEN ASH'S BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR IN DARKNESS WE BREAK

This series is classified as Young Adult, due to the ages of the protagonists in the story. Do you believe it might have been better served with adult main characters, or were you satisfied with the teens as heroes?

What is your opinion on the Fianna? Their attitude about the males? After the battle at Gabrilon, do you think those who'd been living underground will abandon their secluded lives for the world beyond their hiding place?

Enid is a powerful, mysterious character. Even by the book's end, it seems there is more to her than is revealed. What is your opinion on her? Would you like to know more about Enid?

Grace's attitude has been to harm no one. She is willing to fight for what is right, but killing in battle is not her goal. Throughout the series she is committed to, yet often distressed by, the actions she and the others must take to stay alive and to protect others. What did you think about the actions her brother took with the messengers from Tiran? Was Grace rightfully angry or should she have understood?

Discuss what you believe to be Moros' motivation. Did you find it distressing or intriguing to learn he is Duncan's twin?

Duncan and the others were determined not to harm Moros, yet still resolute about stopping him. Were you satisfied with the manner in which they did?

How was Skelly instrumental in the above? Did Skelly redeem himself? Did Skelly truly have anything for which he needed redemption? Were you happy with the knowledge Skelly found his own peace at the end?

Let's talk about Resa. How much has she changed since her rescue in book one, *The Shadows We Make*? How much of this do you believe has been due to gifted intervention and how much due to the developing relationship with her brother and the others?

Each member in the group possesses their own strengths and weaknesses. Discuss for each character and how those traits have served the group and/or disrupted it.

After reading the four books, do you think Carina might be the underrated hero in the story?

Do you have a favorite character? Is it the same you had in the beginning? Again, which character do you most identify with? Why?

Did you have any favorite scenes or moments in this book? Please share and explain why.

Would you like to see these books made into a streaming series for television? Who would you choose to play the various characters?

How satisfied were you with the ending to this particular arc in the Shadow Journey series?

(Book five, *The Twining*, starts the characters on an entirely new adventure!)