

## The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person narration?
2. Does this book seem like a Russian fairy tale?
3. Is it odd that the daughter of a czar would be married off to a boyar in the frozen north?
4. What do you think of Vasilisa's birth?
5. The names of the same characters change, this is culturally accurate but how does it affect the reader?
6. What do you think of Pytor?
7. What do you think of Anna?
8. Do domovoi remind you of house elves from Potter?
9. What do you think of the time jump?
10. Do you trust the priest Konstantin?
11. What do you think of the setting of the book?
12. Should Vasya have allowed the rusalka to take the priest?
13. Is it a woman's future to be caged in Vasya's world?
14. Should Vasya have allowed her nephew to die for her intended's pride?
15. Is Vasya a witch?
16. What do you think of Morozko, Frost, the winter demon?
17. Who is your favorite character?
18. Who are the villains of the story?
19. Did you expect the confrontation to cost someone their life?
20. What do you think of Vasya's plan at the end?
21. Should any of the characters have been redeemed?
22. Did you like the book?
23. Would you read the 2<sup>nd</sup> book?