

A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer Book Club

1. What do you think of the alternating 1st person narration?
2. How do you feel about the 2 different perspective characters?
3. What do you think of the 1st chapter from Rhen's perspective when he worries about killing people and realizes he is 18 years old for the 327th time?
4. The hook for this book is a dark retelling of Beauty and the Beast, do you agree or disagree and why?
5. The book begins with Rhen, do you think he's a good place to start? Why or why not?
6. Who is your favorite character and why?
7. Who is your least favorite character and why?
8. What do you think of the relationships in the book?
9. What do you think of the world building?
10. How would you feel if you were sucked from our world to Emberfall?
11. Rhen thinks about how different Harper is from most of the girls Grey brings to the castle, what does this difference mean for her possible survival and role in breaking the curse?
12. How do the main characters self-perceptions align with how others see them?
13. What do you think of the scene where Harper saves Freya?
14. Why do you think Harper goes along with people's assumptions about her being the Princess of Disi and how does it change the story?
15. Harper thinks Grey kidnaps a girl for Rhen's birthday and Grey sees it as trying to break the curse, who is right and why?
16. How did the persecution of the magesmith's affect the world?
17. Why do you think Harper makes Rhen feel fear?
18. What do you think of Harper's feelings about Rhen's kingdom?
19. Do you think the bluffing that Harper and Rhen concoct would work?
20. If you were Harper would you want to learn how to throw a knife and shoot a bow and arrow? Why or why not?
21. Do you think Lilith would have cursed Rhen if he had rejected his advances? Why or why not?
22. How does their dancing change the relationship between Rhen and Harper?
23. Why do you think Rhen tells Grey to take Harper back to DC and what does it say about him?
24. How do you feel about Harper being there for her mom's last breath?
25. Is Karis Luran a villain? Why or why not?
26. When the true heir was mentioned, did you know who he was and how?
27. What did you think of the relationship between the Monster and Harper?
28. How did you feel about the battle and in the aftermath in the book?
29. Did you think that Rhen's family would come back when he broke the curse? Why or why not?
30. Why do you think the Epilogue is from Grey's perspective?
31. Did you like the book?
32. Would you read more in the series?