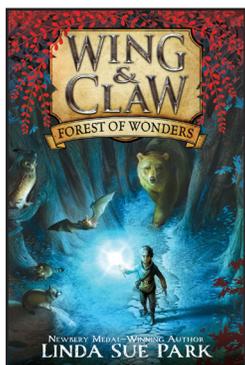


WING & CLAW

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DISCUSSION GUIDE



BOOK TALK

The Wing & Claw series by Linda Sue Park follows the adventures of a young apothecary and a talking bat as they take on the dangers of the wilderness, explore the secrets of magic and medicine, and challenge the vile Chancellor who is threatening the wild creatures of the Forest of Wonders.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In *Forest of Wonders*, Raffa is an apothecary, meaning someone who uses plants to create potions and remedies. Can you think of any plants that people use in real life like this?
2. Raffa struggles with feeling like his inventions might be hurting the plants and animals around him. Have you ever struggled with something because you worried about hurting someone or something?
3. Compare and contrast Raffa and his cousin, Garith. How are they similar and how are they different? How do each of them grow and change throughout the book?
4. Raffa and Kuma both go to incredible lengths to save the animals they care about. How does their love of animals influence their friendship, and how do you think this will carry over in *Cavern of Secrets*?
5. How do you think *Cavern of Secrets* will begin given the ending of the *Forest of Wonders*?
6. What are some everyday things you do to help the environment? What more can you, your family, or even your school do to reduce the amount of trash you throw away and encourage recycling?
7. Raffa encounters many different kinds of plants and animals on his adventures. Have you ever gone on a nature walk to identify plants and animals? What kinds of things did you see?
8. Raffa and Echo have a very special bond and help each other throughout the Forest of Wonders. If you could speak with any animal, what animal would it be and why?



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