

DARK AUGUST

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READING GROUP GUIDE

USE THESE QUESTIONS TO GUIDE YOUR BOOK CLUB'S DISCUSSION OF *DARK AUGUST* BY KATIE TALLO.

1. In what ways do the landscape and setting mirror the emotional journey of the main character?
2. Discuss how the flashbacks worked in adding another layer to the story?
3. What plot twists surprised you?
4. Did you find yourself rooting for Gus? For Shannon?
5. Did you think it was believable that Gus would investigate evidence and interview people like a real detective? Was the character well motivated?
6. Did you like the way the chapters were named after people and places connected to the investigation?
7. Levi, the dog, plays a prominent role in the novel. Did his presence add to the emotional journey?
8. Did Gus's traumatic childhood stir up any emotions for you?
9. The author has a background in cinema. Can you picture this novel as a movie? What stands out most to you visually?
10. Did you like where Gus ends up at the end of the novel?
11. Where would you like to see Augusta's story go in a sequel?

