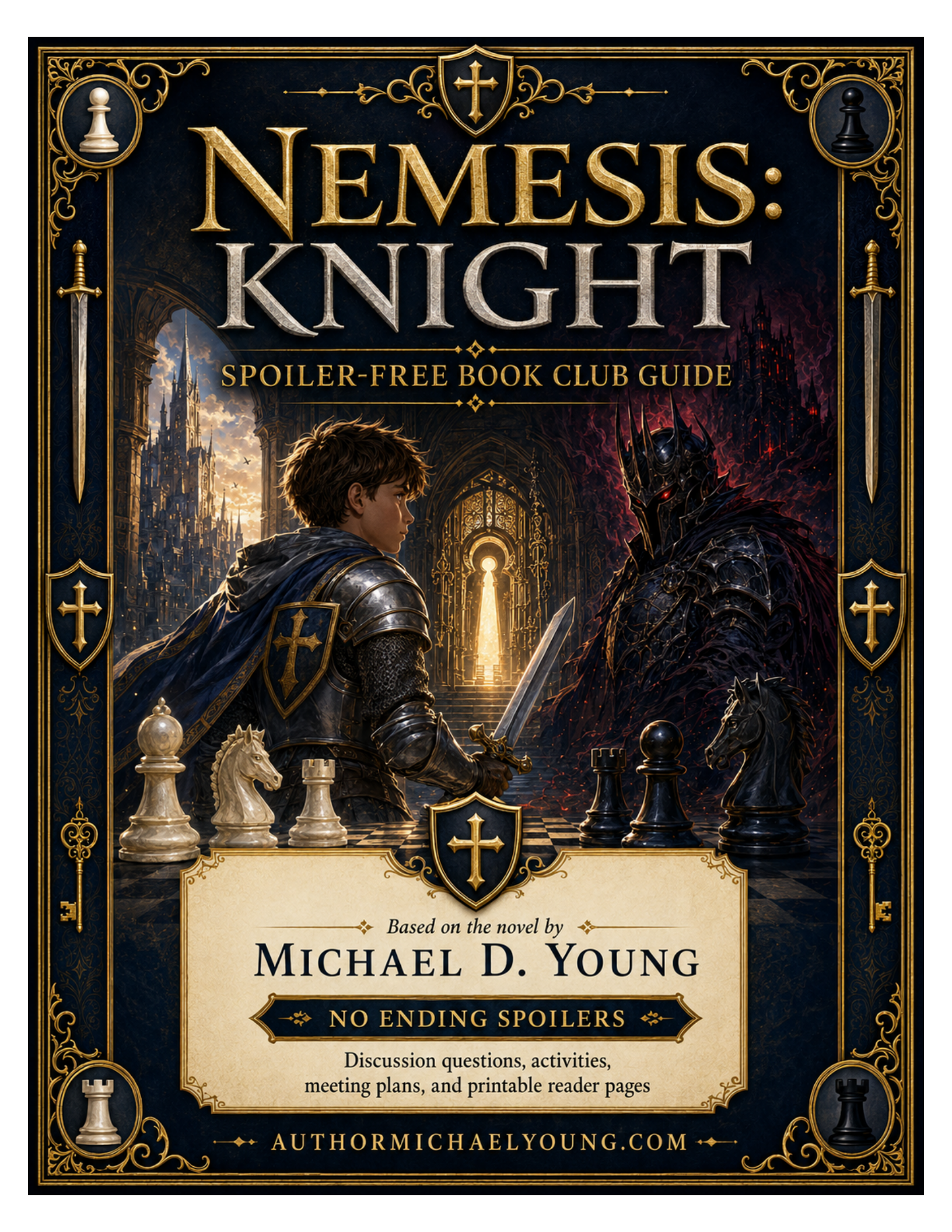




NEMESIS: KNIGHT

SPOILER-FREE BOOK CLUB GUIDE

Based on the novel by
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NO ENDING SPOILERS

Discussion questions, activities,
meeting plans, and printable reader pages

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A compact guide for a first meeting, classroom preview, family read-aloud, or website download. No ending spoilers are included.



THE PREMISE

Rich Witz continues his training as a modern paladin while new enemies emerge, the mystery of the Corridor of Keys deepens, and questions about his missing family become more urgent. As he faces temptation, rivalry, and the pressure of living up to his calling, he must learn that being a knight means more than winning.

Use this guide after the opening chapters or after the full novel. The questions focus on character, theme, humor, danger, and the story's idea of honor without revealing the ending.



QUICK MEETING PLAN - 45 MINUTES

TIME	ACTIVITY
5 min	Choose a chess piece or symbol that matches Rich in this book.
15 min	Discuss how Rich has changed since Book One.
15 min	Explore temptation, identity, and honor.
7 min	Complete the activity on page 5.
3 min	Rate the reading experience and make one prediction.



CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS

Bullying, grief, family separation, magical threats, manipulation, fire, injury, and emotional conflict appear in the novel. Readers may always pass on personal questions.

SPOILER-FREE QUESTIONS

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*Start with the questions that best fit your group.
There is no need to answer them in order.*

1. How has Rich changed since the events of *Paladin: Pawn*?
2. What new pressure seems to weigh on Rich in this book?
3. What role does the Corridor of Keys appear to play in the story?
4. How does the novel balance humor with danger?
5. Which relationship seems to shape Rich most strongly in this book?
6. What makes the novel's idea of knighthood feel modern rather than medieval?
7. Why are temptation and choice such difficult tests for a hero?
8. What do dreams, visions, and symbols suggest about truth in the story?

MORE QUESTIONS

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Move from first impressions toward the novel's central moral framework.

- 9 What first impression do the book's new enemies and threats make?

- 10 Which setting or scene has felt most memorable so far, and why?

- 11 How does Rich's imagination help him, and how does it sometimes get in his way?

- 12 What does the story suggest about loyalty to family and friends?

- 13 How do fear, pride, and frustration lead characters into bad choices?

- 14 Which mystery interests you most: the Corridor of Keys, Rich's father, Arlenen, the black knight, or the Nemes family?

- 15 What does the title *Nemesis: Knight* suggest about the kind of battle Rich is facing?

- 16 Which virtue seems hardest for Rich to live out in this story?



PREDICTION PROMPT

What do you think Rich will discover next about his family, the Corridor, or the black knight? Write down the group's predictions before continuing the novel.



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ACTIVITY: BUILD A KNIGHT'S CODE

Create a modern code of honor without revealing the novel's ending.



COURAGE

A fear Rich must face honestly.

A brave choice a modern knight might make.

A reward: a strength that comes from real courage.



WISDOM

A moment when thinking matters more than reacting.

A mistake that could come from acting too quickly.

A reward: a gift that comes from understanding.



COMPASSION

A person or relationship that needs healing.

A choice that puts kindness ahead of pride.

A reward: a power that helps others.



SACRIFICE

A comfort or desire a hero may need to give up.

A cost that might come with doing what is right.

A reward: a deeper kind of victory.



FAST GROUP VARIATION

Have each reader write one rule for a modern knight.
Combine the best ideas into your group's code of honor.



OUR GROUP'S BEST RULE OF HONOR



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RATING AND PREDICTIONS

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Complete before discussing the ending so the group can compare expectations with the finished novel later.

Rich's growth	1	2	3	4	5
Humor	1	2	3	4	5
Mystery	1	2	3	4	5
Fantasy tension	1	2	3	4	5
Emotional stakes	1	2	3	4	5
Interest in continuing	1	2	3	4	5

◆ The mystery I most want solved

◆ My prediction about the black knight / nemesis

◆ My prediction about Rich's family



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