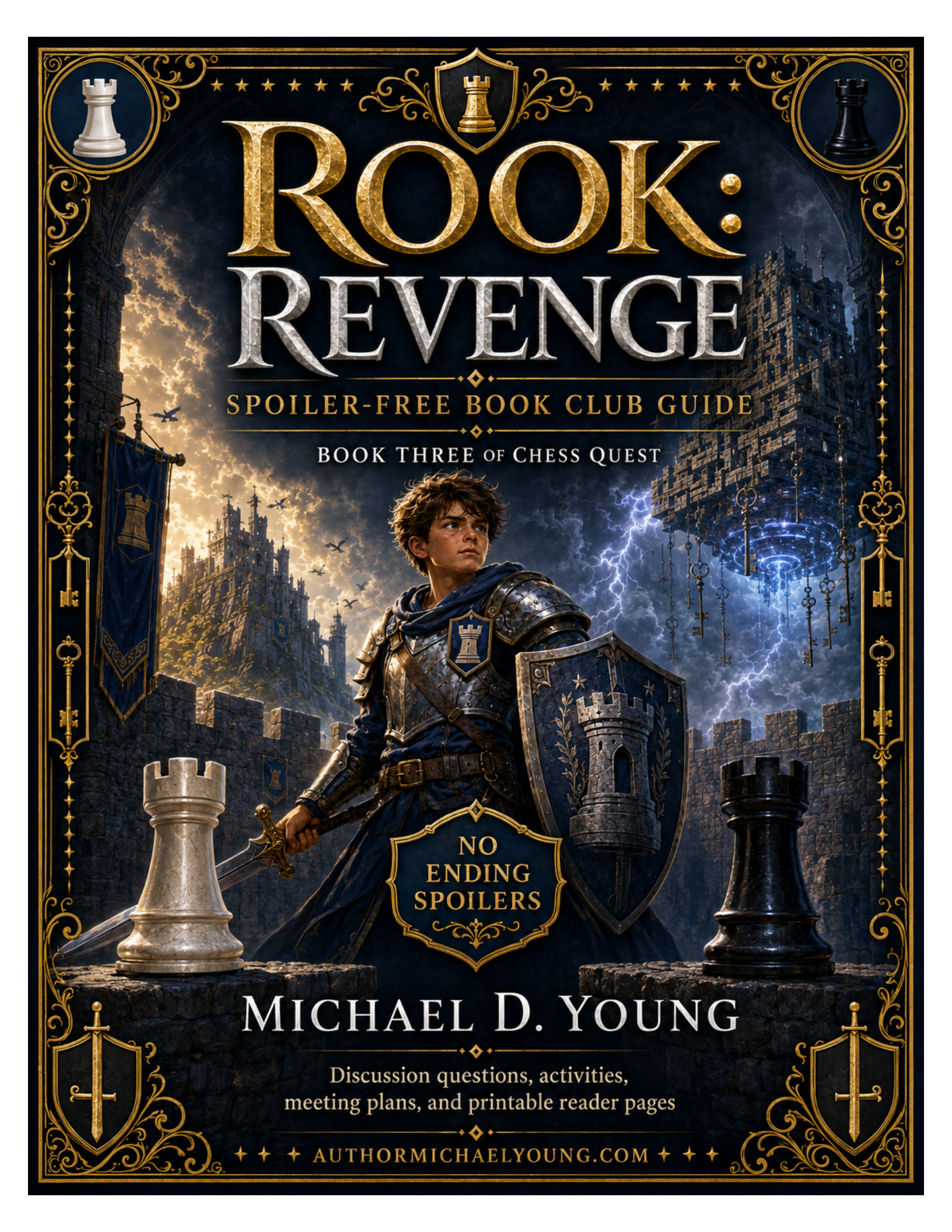




ROOK: REVENGE

SPOILER-FREE BOOK CLUB GUIDE

BOOK THREE OF CHESS QUEST

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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 enters Book Three with a new rook quest, deeper dangers in the Corridor of Keys, and growing pressure from both the magical world and everyday life. As he trains in courage, protection, and responsibility, he must learn what it really means to stand firm for others. This guide highlights character growth, themes, humor, danger, and discussion ideas without revealing the ending.

QUICK MEETING PLAN - 45 MINUTES

TIME	ACTIVITY
5 min	Choose a chess piece or symbol that best fits Rich at the start of this book.
15 min	Discuss how Rich has changed since the earlier books.
15 min	Explore protection, responsibility, and what the rook represents.
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, injury, manipulation, and peril in fantasy settings 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 earlier books?
2. What new pressure seems to weigh on Rich in this book?
3. What makes the Corridor of Keys such a compelling setting?
4. How does the novel balance humor, danger, and heart?
5. Which relationship seems most important to Rich's growth here?
6. What does the rook symbolize in Rich's journey?
7. Why might protection and sacrifice be important themes in this story?
8. What do the early challenges suggest about the kind of hero Rich is becoming?

MORE QUESTIONS

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Move from first impressions toward the novel's central ideas and mysteries.

9

Which new setting or challenge has felt most memorable so far, and why?

10

What first impression do the magical puzzles and guardians make?

11

How does Rich's imagination help him — and complicate things?

12

What do the adults and mentors add to the story?

13

How does the book explore responsibility toward family, friends, and strangers?

14

Which mystery interests you most: the Corridor, Rich's father, Rich's powers, or the strange enemies?

15

What does strength look like in this book besides fighting?

16

Which quality seems hardest for Rich to live out in this story?



PREDICTION PROMPT

What do you think Rich will discover next about his father, his powers, or the Corridor?

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ACTIVITY: BUILD A ROOK'S CODE

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



1. STAND FIRM

A pressure Rich must face without giving in.



2. PROTECT

A person, cause, or principle worth defending.



3. ENDURE

A hardship a hero must keep facing.



4. SACRIFICE

A comfort or desire that may need to be set aside.



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

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 Rich's powers or training

◆ My prediction about Rich's family or the Corridor



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