



SOVEREIGNS: SONG

SPOILER-FREE BOOK CLUB GUIDE
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NO ENDING SPOILERS

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WELCOME, KNIGHTS!

A spoiler-free guide for the final stages of the Chess Quest

↔ THE PREMISE ↔

After the Corridor is destroyed, gray mist spreads over the world and drains people of initiative. Rich, now the Paladin King, must travel with Mallory – the Nemesis Queen bound to him – through the strange Middlespace while their friends confront the growing Gray threat on Earth.

QUICK MEETING PLAN – 45 MINUTES

5 min

Choose a chess piece that fits Rich at the start.

12 min

Discuss leadership, trust, and reluctant alliances.

12 min

Explore order, chaos, gray, and the role of art.

10 min

Complete the activity on page 5.

6 min

Rate the book and make one prediction.

CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS

Fantasy violence and peril, grief and death, coercion and manipulation, mind-affecting magic, romantic tension, and large-scale threats appear in the novel.

*When the world turns gray,
choices still matter.*

LET'S TALK!





SPOILER-FREE QUESTIONS

Choose the questions that best fit your group.

- 1 What first impression did the gray mist create, and why is apathy such a frightening threat?
- 2 How does becoming king change Rich's responsibilities and the way others treat him?
- 3 Rich and Mallory are forced to cooperate. What makes trust difficult between them?
- 4 What makes the Middlespace feel different from the magical places in the earlier books?
- 5 Why might art, music, beauty, and imagination matter in a world threatened by the Gray?
- 6 Compare Rich, Nadia, Angela, and Mallory as leaders. What strength does each bring?
- 7 How does the humor keep the book from becoming overwhelmed by its darker stakes?
- 8 Which mystery most interests you: the Gray Queen, the Homeland, the Sovereign Song, or the source of the mists?



No need to answer in order – follow the conversation where it leads.



CHARACTERS & BIG IDEAS

Who matters, and what themes drive the story?

❖ CHARACTERS TO WATCH ❖



RICH / HEINRICH

A young king trying to lead with courage while carrying responsibility for people far beyond himself.



MALLORY

A powerful Nemesis queen whose forced partnership with Rich mixes rivalry, dependence, and uneasy cooperation.



NADIA

A determined friend unwilling to stand aside while someone else decides Rich's future.



ANGELA

A new Paladin whose intelligence, research skills, and grief push her toward a different kind of courage.



AARON

A veteran ally and mentor whose humor and loyalty continue to shape the younger knights.



TEMPERANCE / GRAY QUEEN

The force behind the Gray, offering a chilling alternative to both order and chaos.



❖ THEMES TO DISCUSS ❖

- ◆ order, chaos, and the danger of lifeless balance
- ◆ leadership, responsibility, and power
- ◆ art, music, and imagination as resistance to apathy
- ◆ identity, loyalty, and bonds that cannot be ignored
- ◆ sacrifice, unity, and learning to work with former enemies

Talk about which character changes the meaning of “sovereign” for you.



ORDER, CHAOS & SONG

Book Club Activity - turn the story's central forces into a group code.

1. ORDER

Name one rule, tradition, or structure worth protecting. When does order become too rigid?

2. CHAOS

Name one disruption or change that can create something better. When does freedom become destructive?

3. GRAY

What disappears when people stop caring, choosing, creating, or feeling deeply?

4. HARMONY

Write one principle that combines discipline with creativity - a rule your group would want a good sovereign to follow.



GROUP CHORUS:

What should power sound like when it serves people instead of controlling them?



Order gives the song shape. Chaos gives it motion. Choice gives it meaning.



RATE, REFLECT & PREDICT

Your final reader page

MY RATING:



FAVORITE CHARACTER

FAVORITE REALM OR SETTING

FAVORITE SCENE OR MOMENT

A THEME I NOTICED

A QUESTION I STILL HAVE

MY PREDICTION FOR THE NEXT MOVE

NOTES FROM OUR DISCUSSION



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