



THE THIRST

A NOVEL

BOOK TWO OF THE
PENULTIMATE DAWN CYCLE

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BOOK CLUB KIT



WELCOME

Thank you for reading *The Thirst!*

This book club kit is designed to enhance your reading experience, spark meaningful conversations, and help you explore the rich world, complex characters, and powerful themes in Book Two of the Penultimate Dawn Cycle.



IN THIS KIT



About the Book

A spoiler-light overview.



Discussion Questions

Thought-provoking questions for every reader.



Characters & Relationships

Meet the key players and their connections.



Themes & Motifs

Explore the deeper ideas within the story.



Activities & Extras

Creative prompts and additional fun.



For Facilitators

Tips for leading a great discussion.

ABOUT THE *THIRST*

Mage Gigas has shattered the realm in a single dreadful day, earning the name "Realmbreaker."

As the clans struggle to survive, Azil Harkness continues his search for answers, wrestling with ancient riddles, divine guidance, and his own demons.

From underground realms to storm-torn mountains, from ancient tombs to the edge of the sky, Azil's journey is one of peril, discovery, and the unending quest for hope.

PERFECT FOR READERS WHO LOVE:

- ❄ Epic fantasy with rich worldbuilding
- ⚔ Complex characters and moral dilemmas
- 🔮 Ancient prophecies and hidden mysteries
- 🏰 High stakes, adventure, and heart

CHARACTER GUIDE



AZIL HARKNESS

A powerful mage and devoted seeker of truth. He wrestles with his nature, his purpose, and the fate of the realm.



KAVAL

A complex ally with his own path to walk. His choices will shape the fate of many.



SARHAH

Wise and fierce, with deep ties to the land and its ancient magic.



RAHIM (The Golden Aspect)

An enigmatic and divine presence whose mind is vast, ancient, and difficult to fathom.

RELATIONSHIPS AT A GLANCE



THE WORLD & MAGIC



THE REALM

A world fractured by war, magic, and the actions of the Realmbreaker.



ESSENCE

A mystical energy that can empower, heal, or destroy.



MAGE GIGAS

A being of immense power whose single day of destruction changed everything.



ANCIENT PROPHECIES

Old writings and verses hint at futures that may yet come to pass.



CLANS & REMNANTS

Survivors scattered across the realm, each fighting to endure.

MAJOR THEMES & MOTIFS



Hope vs. Despair

The struggle to hold onto hope in a broken world.



Identity & Purpose

Characters search for who they are and what they are meant to do.



Power & Consequence

Great power comes with great cost—and unintended consequences.



Friendship & Loyalty

Bonds are tested in the darkest of times.



Knowledge & Mystery

The quest for answers uncovers more questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



- 1 What are your first impressions of Azil in this book?
- 2 How does Azil's internal struggle shape his decisions?
- 3 What do you think of Kaval's journey and choices?
- 4 How does the destruction caused by Mage Gigas affect the world and its people?
- 5 How does the book explore the idea of hope?
- 6 What role does magic play in the story, and what are its limits?
- 7 Which locations or settings stood out to you most?
- 8 What is Rahim's purpose, in your view?
- 9 How do the ancient verses and prophecies influence the story?
- 10 What do you think the title *The Thirst* represents?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (CONT.)



- 11 How does the book balance action and introspection?
- 12 Who is your favorite character, and why?
- 13 How would you describe the relationship between Azil and Rahim?
- 14 What sacrifices do the characters make?
- 15 What moral dilemmas are explored in the story?
- 16 How has the realm changed since the events of Book One?
- 17 What do you predict will happen in the next book?
- 18 Which scenes were the most memorable for you?
- 19 How does the poetry/verses add depth to the story?
- 20 What questions do you still have after finishing *The Thirst*?

ENDING DEBATE (SPOILER DISCUSSION)

Use these questions to dive deeper into the ending.

- What did the ending reveal about the true nature of the Realmbreaker?
- Did the ending meet your expectations? Why or why not?
- What major questions remain unanswered?
- Wow might the characters' journeys change in Book Three?
- What do you think Azil will face next?



ACTIVITIES & EXTRAS



VERSE REFLECTION

Choose a verse from “The Mind of Rahim” and write what it means to you.



MAP THE REALM

Draw a map of your favorite locations from the story.



CHARACTER JOURNAL

Write a journal entry from the perspective of Azil, Kaval, or another character.



SCENE REIMAGINED

Choose a scene and rewrite it from a different character’s point of view.

FOR FACILITATORS



-  Create a welcoming space for all opinions.
-  Encourage everyone to share—but no pressure.
-  Keep the conversation respectful of differing views.
-  Balance deep discussion with light moments.
-  Have fun and celebrate the story together!

QUICK DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did you love most about the book?
- What confused you?
- What do you hope happens next?



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