



The Legend of the Dagger Prince
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The Legend of the Dagger Prince Literary Guide

This guide provides suggested questions to assist in teaching *The Legend of the Dagger Prince* as literature, or for book club discussions. A version of this guide which includes suggested answers is also available.

NOTE: This guide discusses issues relating to the book as a whole. To avoid “spoilers,” you may wish to draw from this guide as a starting point to develop questions based on groups of chapters.

- *Who is the “dagger prince”?*
- *The cost of deception is one of the central themes of the story. What deception lays the groundwork for all the tragedy within *The Legend of the Dagger Prince*?*
- *What other factors have contributed to the conflict at the center of the story?*
- *How would you describe the character of King Tsedec?*
- *What role does Mordecani play in the story?*
- *What does Korbin’s adoption of Nattan contribute to the plot?*
- *What are some examples of irony in the book?*
- *What are some examples of foreshadowing in the story?*
- *What is the point of Mordecani’s story about Areonani?*
- *How does Nattan address Meresy? Why is this appropriate?*
- *What two characters share the honorific, “the Wise”? What sort of wisdom is represented by each?*
- *Each of the book’s two parts span two years. What is the significance of the naming of each part?*
- *For reflection: Did you find the conclusion of the story satisfying? Why, or why not? Did the Rule of Patricide get applied to Prince Korbin, and if so, in what way?*