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## HEAVEN'S WARRIOR BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION GUIDE QUESTIONS

The following are suggestions for questions that could liven up your book club's discussion about *Heaven's Warrior*? Choose a few of your favorite questions to ask your book club members, as well as a few backup book club questions?

1. What did you feel were some of the main themes of *Heaven's Warrior*? Did they create opportunities for introspection on your own life?
2. Were there any characters that you could really relate to and why?
3. Was there anything about the way that setting influenced the story that intrigued you?
4. Did you think the characters were convincing? Likeable? Engaging?
5. Were there any particular lessons you learned from reading *Heaven's Warrior* or aspects that made you reflect on your own way of acting or living?
6. What were your thoughts about the mythology and/or deity structure of *Heaven's Warrior*? How does it compare to religious beliefs or mythology that you're familiar with?
7. How do the promises that Meilin made to the Shen Gods and their resulting outcomes resonate with promises you make to others or within your belief structure?
8. What were your thoughts about Meilin's growth path? Motivations?
9. What can be learned from the way Meilin's parents and the villagers treated Meilin?
10. Who were your favorite characters and why?
11. If you were one of the characters, what different actions or decisions would you make and why?
12. Did you think the relationships between characters were believable? Engaging? Enjoying?
13. How does the oppressive culture within *Heaven's Warrior* mirror our current or past culture?
14. If you could, what would you change about *Heaven's Warrior's* plot?
15. If you could, what would you change about Meilin's journey or growth?

16. Can you think of individuals in history who tried to change oppressive aspects of their culture? How does Meilin compare to these individuals?
17. When Lian seeks to punish herself for her mistakes, how does that relate to the negative and misguided ways that we sometimes treat or judge ourselves and our own mistakes. What are some ways to overcome these negative practices?
18. Did your views or perception of the Emperor change as you better understood his motives? What did you think about his motives? How do they relate to the way we judge others? How do they relate to our own way of making decisions?
19. Each chapter of Heaven's Warrior had an epigraph at the beginning, did any of these have an impact on you? If so, why?
20. What were your thoughts about Heaven's Warrior magic system? What aspects of it stood out to you? From a fantasy point of view, was it believable? Did you find any correlations between it and our world?
21. Do you feel the author had any specific intentions on the way he structured the magic system? If so, what and why?
22. What would you have changed, added, or removed from the magic system?
23. Did Heaven's Warrior impact or change your view on any particular topics? If so, please explain.
24. Did Heaven's Warrior evoke any particular emotions or feelings as you read it?
25. What did you find most appealing about Heaven's Warrior?
26. What were your thoughts about the way Heaven's Warrior concluded? What made it satisfying or not satisfying?
27. What would you tell a friend about your experience reading Heaven's Warrior? Can you think of anyone you would want to recommend it to?

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