

book club questions

FOURTH WING

Did you hear anything about this popular book before reading it?

Discuss expectations versus your actual experience in reading this popular book. Did Fourth Wing live up to the hype?

Discuss your familiarity with fantasy books prior to reading Fourth Wing.

Discuss the pros and cons of the format in which you read Fourth Wing (audio, print, digital).

Was it easy or hard for you to learn the world created in this fantasy novel?

Discuss Violet as our heroine, including her strengths, weaknesses, and motivations.

How did Violet cope with chronic illness (Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, a connective tissue disorder)?

What can the reader take away from Violet's experience with chronic illness?

What were Violet's most significant challenges and how did she work through them?

Compare and contrast Violet to the members of her family.

The characters' unique physical characteristics were described in detail. Which ones do you recall?

How does the daily threat of death affect Violet?

Why do you think Yarros chose a school setting for this novel?

Would Violet have been safer or happier as a scribe?

It was said that riders have weapons but scribes have "the real power." Why?

Why did Violet's mother push her to be a rider?

Discuss the popular quote, “We can live as cowards or die as riders.”

Discuss the politics of Navarre.

Describe the land of Navarre.

How do truth and lies intersect in history telling in Navarre?

Did you think there would be a love triangle between Dain and Xaden?

Are you Team Dain or Team Xaden?

Was Dain helpful or hurtful to Violet?

What do you make of Xaden’s nickname for Violet — Violence?

Discuss the physical challenges the riders faced.

Did any of the characters’ deaths surprise you?

What quadrant would you want to be in (riders, healers, scribes, and infantry)?

What signet would you want to have?

Why do you think Violet got the signet of wielding lightning and the gift of stopping time?

Why is mind reading “a death sentence”?

Why is mending the most precious signet?

What dragon would you bond with?

Why did Tairn and Andarna choose Violet?

Did the “talking dragons” work for you?

Who was your favorite dragon and why?

It is said that, “A rider without their dragon is dead.” How do the dragons protect their riders?

Is the rebellion relic (and the mandates that come with it) fair?

It was said that, “There is nothing more sacred than the Archives. Even temples can be rebuilt, but books cannot be rewritten.” Why is this true?

Did the spice level work for you or did you want more or less?

Did you like the “enemies to lovers” trope in this novel?

How did you feel about Xaden at the beginning versus the end of Fourth Wing?

Was danger inside or outside the school more palpable to you?

Which characters do you trust or distrust?

What was Violet's biggest act of bravery?

Did the plot twist at the end surprise you?

Did you find any content to be triggering?

Who would you cast in a movie adaptation of Fourth Wing?

Do you plan on reading the next book(s) in the Emphyrean series?

Discuss your predictions for the next book(s) in the Emphyrean series.

Compare and contrast Fourth Wing with other fantasy series you've read.