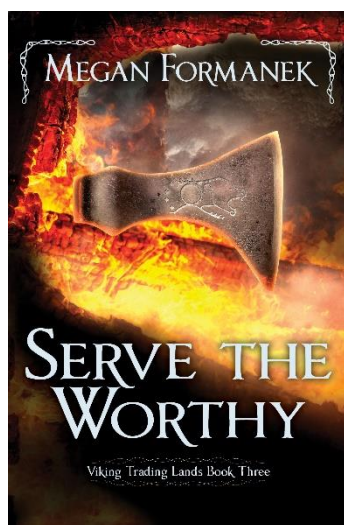


Serve the Worthy



Thank you for considering *Serve the Worthy* for your book club discussion. For bulk buy discount please contact me via the contact form on my website <https://www.meganformanek.com/contact>. If your group would like a virtual 'drop in' during your discussion, please use the link above to contact me to check availability. Below, I have made some suggestions you might like to include in your discussion.

General questions

1. What do you think was the significance of the title?
2. What misconceptions did this book change for you about the Viking Age?
3. What did you know about the Viking Age before reading this book?
4. Was it difficult to keep your own modern-day beliefs and experiences from influencing your reading of this book? Or were you able to put yourself in the mind and shoes of the people who lived in this world and time?
5. Which location in the book would you most like to visit and why?
6. Were there any quotes (or passages) that stood out to you? Which scenes did you enjoy?
7. What emotions did this book evoke for you?

Plot questions

1. Astrid's journey follows the real-life river way the Viking traders would have taken during the 9th-century. Do you think you could have survived it?
2. How did you feel when Sven made his oath on the Jol boar?
3. Did you see the reveal of Odrun coming? What gave it away? And, if you didn't see it coming, what secret did you think she was hiding?

4. Did Kjarr's oath to Oleg change the way you felt about him as Astrid's husband? Did this change between books 1, 2, and 3?

Questions about the characters

1. Who was your favourite character and why?
2. Which character did you most relate/empathise with?
3. How do you feel about Sven's insistence that his fate is tied to Astrid's?
4. How do you think the events of the book will affect Ellisif?
5. In history, we know Oleg becomes Oleg the Prophet, what events do you think lead to this? And, do you think they have anything to do with Ellisif, and Oleg's declaration that he will never wed or sire an heir?
6. If you could ask one character from the book anything, who would it be?

Ending questions

1. Did you feel that the ending was satisfying?
2. How did you feel about the character's development throughout the story?
3. Are there any lingering questions about the book you are still thinking of?
4. How did you feel about Kjarr and Astrid's relationship by the end of the book, did you agree with their decisions?
5. What would you like to see happen in book four?
6. Has this book challenged your perceptions about women's importance during the Viking Age?
7. What do you think was original about the story? What made it 'the author's voice'?