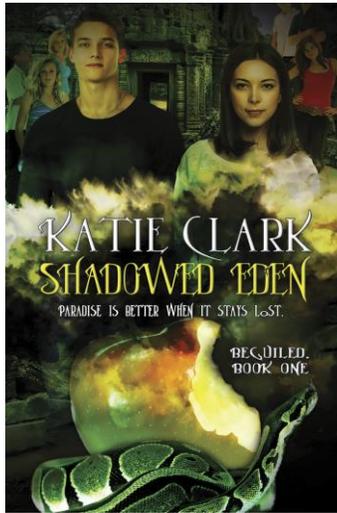


Discussion Questions



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About the Book

Avery Miles is ready to spread her wings and prove her worth on a church mission trip to Iraq, but when their entourage gets blown off course in a desert dust storm, the group is lost in an inexplicable garden oasis. Along with the luscious fruits and crystal springs, Avery and her friends find poisonous snakes, deadly sink holes, and a group of natives that are almost unearthly—but that's not their biggest problem. No matter which way they trek, they can't seem to leave.

To keep the group safe, Avery steps up and takes charge, but it isn't long before she realizes things aren't as they seem. She isn't the only one seeing the mysterious boy named Rae, and she's pretty sure her father is sabotaging her rescue efforts. Gathering her courage, Avery must decide what's most important to her—finally winning her father's approval, or getting out of the jungle for good.

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Discussion:

Question 1: Avery starts the story as a bit of an outcast. Have you ever felt this way, and how did you deal?

Answer 1:

Question 2: Have you ever made anyone feel like an outcast? What can you do to ensure you don't make anyone feel the way Avery's youth group made her feel?

Answer 2:

Question 3: Luca has a bit of an anger problem. Is he justified in his attitude? Why or why not?

Answer 3:

Question 4: Would you know how to survive if you were stranded somewhere, be it the desert or somewhere else?

Answer 4:

Question 5: The rest of the group was fairly oblivious to what was happening in the jungle around them. Why might this be?

Answer 5:

Question 6: Even Rae, a spiritual being, struggled with his feelings in this story. How do you think this compares to how we as humans struggle?

Answer 6:

Question 7: Throughout the story, June's character is a "good" girl. Yet, in the end, she realizes she doesn't really know God. What does it mean, then, to know God?

Answer 7:

Question 8: Rafa was being used by Satan to bring humans to the Garden. What are ways that we as humans can keep from allowing him to work through us?

Answer 8:

Question 9: How did Avery overcome the situation, in spite of her fears? Can we do the same?

Answer 9

Question 10: Do you think the Garden of Eden is still out there? Why, or why not?

Answer 10:

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