



Awash in Talent Reading Group Guide

Your book club or reading group is a fantastic opportunity to engage in the art of conversation, revive oral storytelling, and just have a great time. These questions will help stimulate an intriguing discussion among readers of *Awash in Talent*.

The Characters

Awash in Talent has a large cast of characters. Which ones were your favorites? Which were the most sympathetic? Which ones did you love to hate?

Which character do you think is the most Talented? Which is the best human being?

Could you sympathize with each narrator as she shared her story? Did any scenes or characters take you outside your comfort zone?

Love and Other Large Themes

Which Talent would you choose to have if you could? Which Talent would you never want to have?

Love is an important theme in *Awash in Talent*. Do you think Emily loves her family deep down? Does she really love Carlos? If you were Emily, how would you have approached your one true love?

How would you describe Kelly and Brian's romance? Can a person fall in love when they're fourteen years old?

Should it be easier or more difficult for a psychic to fall in love? Do you think Patricia will find someone she can confide in?

What other themes does *Awash in Talent* explore? How are these themes reflected in each novella?

Setting

Did you have any preconceived ideas about Providence or Rhode Island before you read *Awash in Talent*? Did the novel change your mind?

What role does the setting play in each character's life?

In your version of Providence, how would telekinetics, pyrokinetics, and psychics be treated?

Hope & Benevolent

If you were trying to avoid your annoying sister, would you invite her to come from 3,000 miles away to live with you? What do you think Emily was trying to accomplish with that move? How did it work out for her?

How do you think Beth feels about being a super rare Other-Talented Healer?

Why do you think Beth reacted so strongly to Carlos living next door?

Why doesn't Emily want Beth to register and attend the telekinesis school?

Do you think Emily deserves to be where she ended up?

Water Fire

If you were a firestarter, do you think your powers would be strongest when you felt happy, stressed, or angry? How does Kelly's mental state help or hinder her powers?

How does Kelly's loyalty to Jill reflect on her feelings toward Raúl?

What is your opinion of Brian? Do you think Kelly should give him another chance?

What do you think Kelly did for the rest of her high school years?

Friendship Street

Why do the psychics in this world avoid registering with the government?

Have you ever felt as if friendship is a one-way street?

Given her interactions with Emily, do you think Patricia is a good therapist?

Does Patricia deserve to be happy?

The End

What did the title mean to you by the end of the novel?

Were you satisfied with *Awash in Talent's* ending?

Did the novel leave any questions open-ended that you would have liked to have known the answer to?

Had you read reviews before reading *Awash in Talent*? If so, did you agree with the reviewers?

If you could ask the author a question, what would it be?