



Book Club Kit

Discussion Questions

1

What do you think this story says about fear? Anger? Empathy?

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Like Agatha, you discover your beloved in the shed with a lover. What do you do? Hatchet?

3

What is your greatest fear? Have you tried to conquer it? If yes, how? And were you able to?

4

Agatha's mantra is a quote from extreme survivalist Bear Grylls: "Fear sharpens us." Do you have a mantra or quote that helps you?

5

Pretend you are a well-funded Hollywood producer. Who would you cast in the film adaptation of *Agatha Arch*?

6

Which characters did you most relate to and why? Were there characters you disliked?

7

Agatha employs a number of unorthodox methods to keep tabs on her husband and the Interloper. Which was your favorite and why?

8

What was your favorite scene in the book? Why?

9

Just after the final scene in the book, you run into Agatha at the grocery store. What would you say to her?

10

What is one burning question you would like to ask the author?

About the Author:



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Q&A: Lightning Round

Q: What was your book originally titled?

A: *Agatha Arch's Fothermucking Heart*

Q: What's your greatest fear?

A: Mice

Q: Have you overcome your fear of mice?

A: Um, no

Q: What authors have changed you?

A: Toni Morrison, Zora Neale Hurston, Haruki Murakami

Q: What is a book you read as a kid that you still think about?

A: *Time at the Top* by Edward Ormondroyd

Q: Writing mantra?

A: Writing begets writing.

Q: At what age did you first know you were a writer?

A: 7 years old

Q: What's your spirit animal?

A: Bear

Q: What superhero power would you have?

A: Time travel

Q: Coffee or tea?

A: Coffee in the morning, tea in the afternoon.

Q: What is your most productive time of day to write?

A: 4:00 a.m.

Q: Do you prefer audiobooks, ebooks, or physical books?

A: Physical books

Q: Do you have a writing quirk?

A: I have to sit cross-legged when I write.

Q: What is your next project?

A: A time travel quest set in Shanghai, China

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