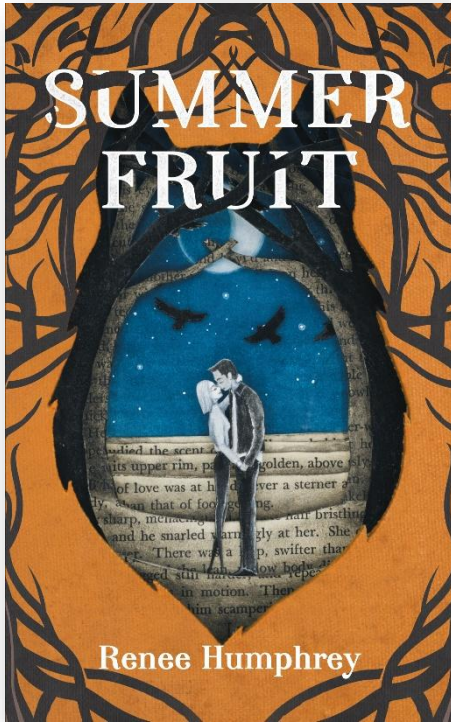


BOOK CLUB KIT

Everything you need to host an engaging book club for *Summer Fruit*

Book Club Discussion Questions for *Summer Fruit*



A body washes up on the rocky shores of Hollow Island. It's not the first secret buried there, and it won't be the last.

In *Summer Fruit*, Renee Humphrey delivers a haunting, lyrical mystery that intertwines trauma, spiritual myth, and emotional survival. Jack Karlsson—a former prodigy turned reclusive wolf conservationist—takes in his estranged niece, Esther, hoping to find solace in the island's silence. But when war veteran Tomas finds the body and begins unraveling under the weight of visions and ancestral whispers, Hollow Island becomes a mirror for everyone's grief, guilt, and hidden pasts.

Part murder mystery, part emotional reckoning, and part mythological meditation, *Summer Fruit* is a genre-blending literary novel that challenges how we confront pain, how we find family, and what it means to truly come home to ourselves.

Perfect for readers of *Where the Crawdads Sing*, *Ceremony*, and *The Paper Palace*, *Summer Fruit* is a gripping exploration of memory, identity, and the animal instincts we carry within.

Discussion Questions

Character & Motivation

- What motivates Jack to isolate himself on Hollow Island, and how does his relationship with Esther evolve throughout the story?
- Tomas is a veteran haunted by both PTSD and ancestral myths. How does the novel blur the lines between psychological trauma and spiritual experience?

Themes

- How does the novel explore the idea of “found family” versus biological family? Which bonds felt the most authentic to you?
 - Wolves and ravens recur as symbols throughout the book. What do they represent for each character?
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Mythology and Spirit

- How did the presence of Indigenous and Aztec mythology (e.g., Nagual shapeshifting, spirit animals) enhance your understanding of the characters or deepen the narrative?
- Do you interpret Tomas's visions as metaphor, mental illness, or mystical truth? Why?

Setting

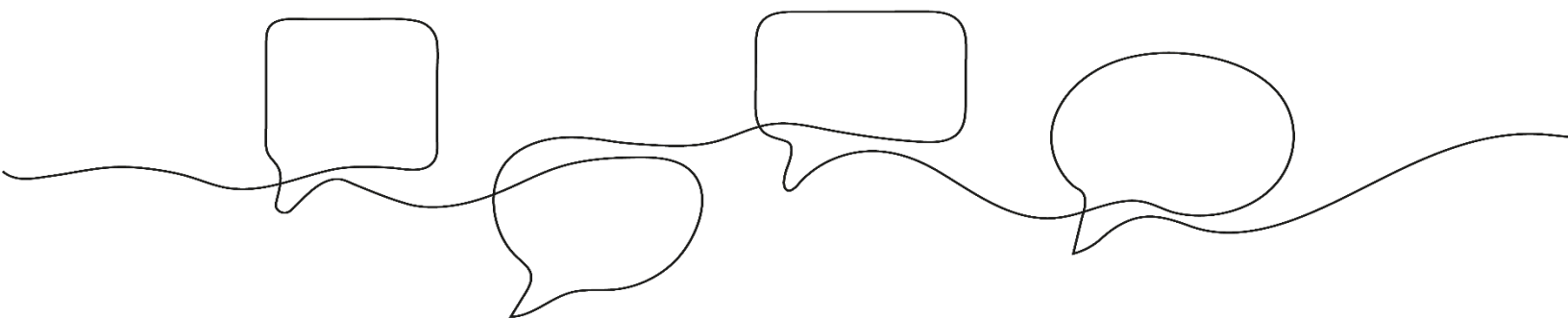
- Hollow Island plays a major role in the story. In what ways does the island act as a character of its own?
- How do isolation and nature affect the characters' mental and emotional states?

Style and Structure

- What did you think of the novel's structure and shifting points of view? Did one character's storyline speak to you the most?
- The prose is often poetic and cinematic. How did the writing style affect your experience of the story?

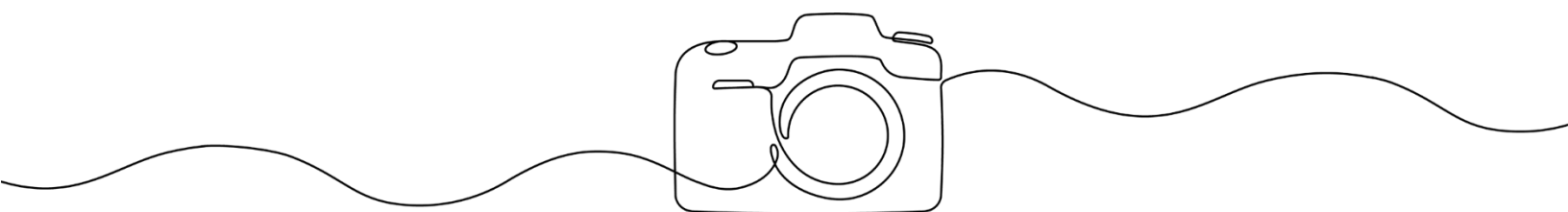
Reflection

- The book deals heavily with guilt, grief, and redemption. Was there a moment or scene that hit particularly hard for you?
 - How does Summer Fruit compare to other books you've read about trauma, family, or healing?
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Thank you for reading and discussing *Summer Fruit* with your club!

If you enjoyed the story, your voice can help others discover it too. A quick review on Amazon or Goodreads would mean the world—even a few words make a big difference!



I'd love to see your book club in action!

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Snap a photo of your group reading or discussing *Summer Fruit* and share it on social media!

Use #SummerFruitNovel and #SummerFruitBookClub so I can celebrate with you!