



DENGUE

A Microbial Mystery

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Is dengue the next pandemic? Two veterinary medical detectives, decades apart in age and experience, battle the tropical disease on the mainland, then in Hawai'i. Even in paradise, people can't escape blood-thirsty mosquitoes spurred on by a warming climate. Join these resilient women as they push through personal challenges to discover the scientific truth and stop the relentless death toll.

Book Club Discussion Questions

Schedule with the author at drmayamaguire@gmail.com

1. The genre elements include medical thriller, crime fiction, mystery, women's fiction, and romantic suspense. How do each of these elements contribute to the overall arc and your enjoyment of the story?
2. The initial point-of-view character is a recently widowed Chinese American woman adopted as an infant by an Irish-heritage family living in the Southwest. What elements of the character's background enrich the story?
3. The other point-of-view character is an older bisexual public health veterinarian raised on a Colorado ranch but working her entire life in New York City. What elements of the character's background enrich the story?
4. How do the alternating POV chapters expand your identification with the story?
5. Geographic locations are intended as characters in themselves. How do geography and history influence the story?
6. Both characters are changed by their work in Hawai'i. In what ways do you think exposure to other ways of life impact us?
7. What do you think of both characters' choices for handling personal grief?
8. What are the roadblocks to achieving a work-life balance based on gender and economic status?
9. Zoonotic diseases are those in common between humans and nonhuman animals. How are transmission, investigation, prevention, and control more complex for zoonotic diseases than those infecting only humans?
10. What is the role of climate change in the story and for zoonotic diseases?
11. How can someone with a veterinary medical degree contribute to disease investigations?
12. For authenticity, writers often rely on personal experience, while protecting the privacy of those sharing life events with the author. Writers also use research and close consultation with others to create characters, plot events, and settings not their own. As a reader, do you have a preferred balance of work informed by an author's imagination, research, and representation of their background?

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