



Book Club Discussion Guide

The Blue Prussian

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IMPRESSIONS

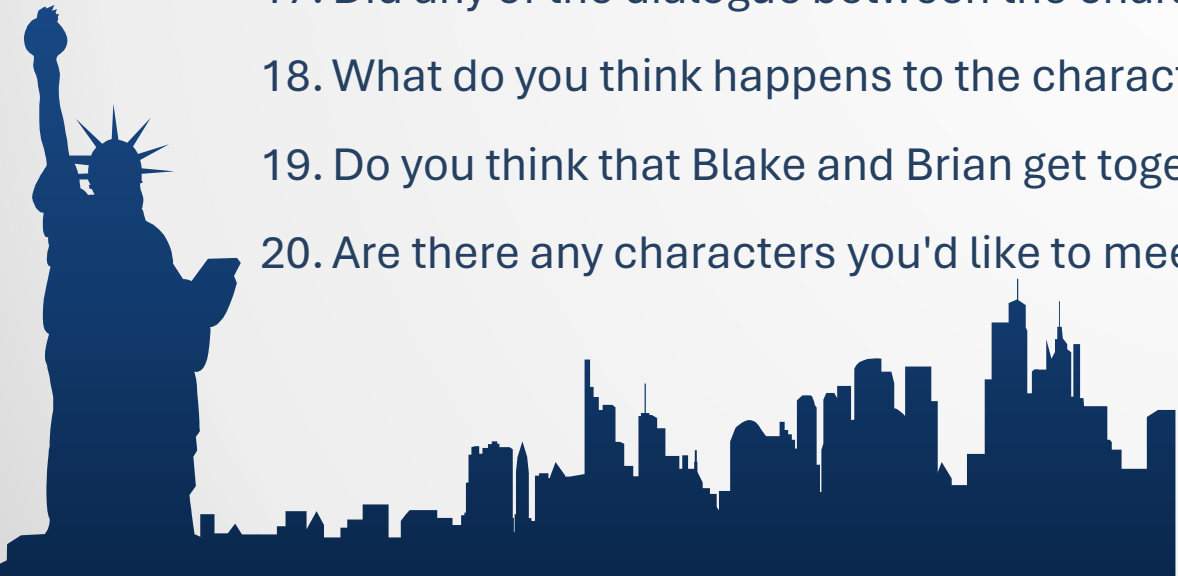
1. What are your takeaways and general impressions of the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you a while to get into it?
2. What major emotional response did the story evoke in you?
3. Did the book feel real to you?
4. Did the book strike you as original?
5. Did the book affect your mood as you read it? Did the book spook you in any way?
6. What did you think after reading how prolific poisoning has been in history?
7. Which scene stuck with you the most?
8. How did your opinion of the book change as you read it?
9. Was there anything new that you learned or that you found particularly interesting in the book?
10. Would you ever consider re-reading the book? Why or why not?



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CHARACTERS

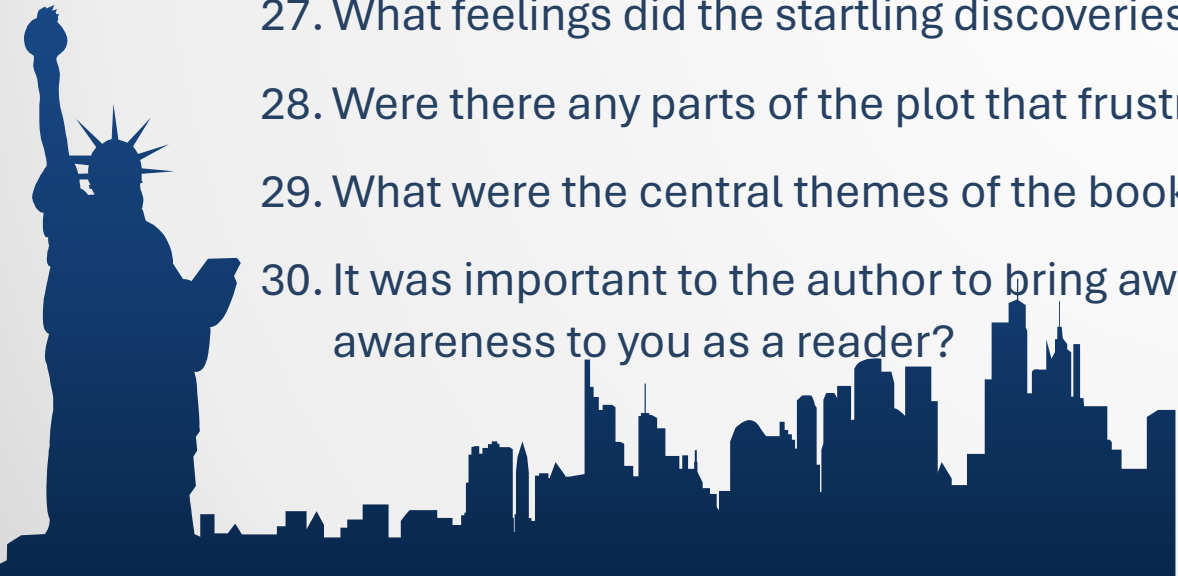
11. Which characters did you like best?
12. Which characters did you like least?
13. Which character did you relate to, or empathize with, the most?
14. Was the narrator's voice compelling?
15. If you had to trade places with one character, who would it be?
16. Did any of the characters remind you of someone you know?
17. Did any of the dialogue between the characters strike you as poignant? How about funny?
18. What do you think happens to the characters after the book's official ending?
19. Do you think that Blake and Brian get together or remain friends?
20. Are there any characters you'd like to meet?



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PLOT & SETTING

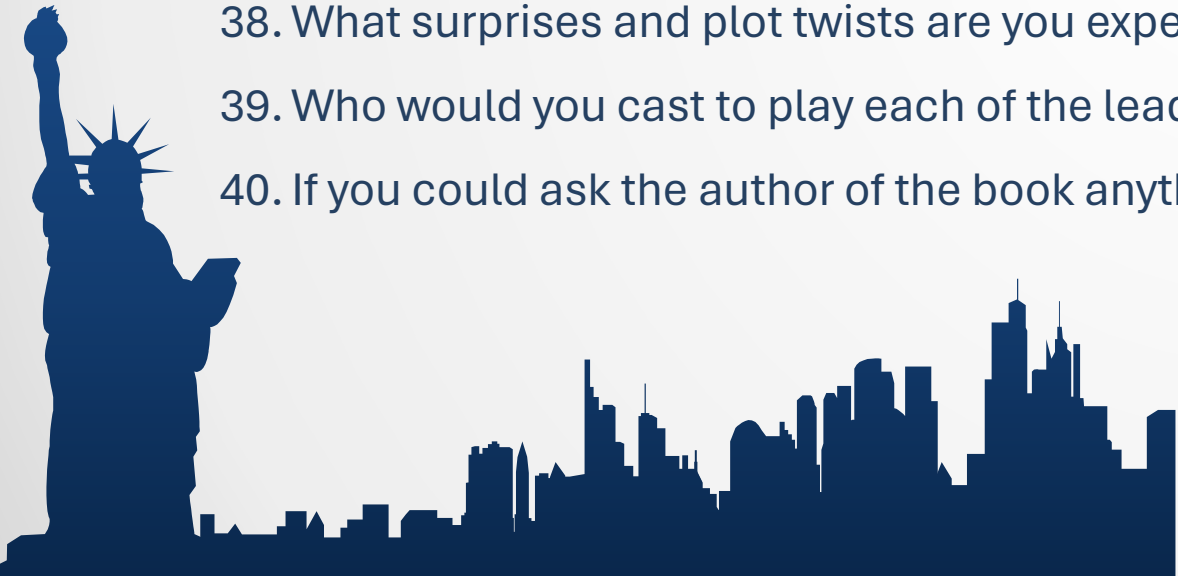
21. Which scene is a pivotal moment in the story?
22. Which scene resonated with you most on a personal level?
23. How did the setting and the use of symbolism impact the story? Did the story generate suspense?
24. What places in the book would you most like to visit?
25. Did anything surprise you in the description of the Victorian era and *The Golden Age of Poison*?
26. What struck you about the linkage of the antidote, Prussian blue, to the great works of art *The Starry Night* and *The Great Wave*—and to Castle Frankenstein?
27. What feelings did the startling discoveries in the Grey Lady and in Santa Rosa evoke?
28. Were there any parts of the plot that frustrated you?
29. What were the central themes of the book? How well did the author explore them?
30. It was important to the author to bring awareness to certain public policy matters. Did the book bring more awareness to you as a reader?



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SEQUEL

31. Would you like to read the next book in this series?
32. What are some storylines you would like to read in the sequel?
33. Are there any characters you are rooting for in the sequel?
34. Are there any characters whom you'd like to play a more prominent role in the sequel?
35. Where else would you like to see Blake travel?
36. Are there other locations you would like to see in the sequel?
37. Are there any lingering questions left unanswered that the sequel should address?
38. What surprises and plot twists are you expecting from Milt (a/k/a The Blue Prussian) in the sequel?
39. Who would you cast to play each of the lead characters if the book were made into a movie?
40. If you could ask the author of the book anything, what would it be?



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