



DISCUSSION GUIDE

A Shadow of Treason

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1. The novel opens with Sophie reflecting back on the loss and betrayal she's experienced since she's been in Spain. How have these experiences changed her? Have they made her stronger or weaker? Braver or more timid? Why?
2. From the moment Deion stepped into Spain, he has experienced horror upon horror. What compels him to stay in Spain? What keeps driving him forward?
3. Ritter is a tormented character. He seems to need fuel for his anger. What is he really looking for? Love, power, recognition, or something else?
4. Walt seems to reveal himself in layers. What is he hiding? Look back over the story and note what Walt has asked Sophie to do. Is she wise to trust him? Has he given any real proof he is one of the good guys?
5. What about Michael. Are you confident that his intentions are all "bad"? What seem to be his motivations?
6. What role does faith play in the story? How has each of the characters either chosen to or refused to be guided by their faith? How have they trusted God to guide and protect?
7. Ramona tells an injured man, "You are stronger than you think." This could be applied to many of the characters in the book, including Ramona herself. In what ways are Ramona, Sophie, Phillip, Father Manuel, Petra, and Jose stronger than they often believe themselves to be?
8. Do you agree with Petra's assessment that "hardship strengthens us"? If so, how has that been true in your own life?

9. Both Sophie and Father Manuel find themselves serving the people in quite a different way than they expected. In your own life, how has God's call shown you that sometimes His ideas and your ideas on accomplishing a task are not the same? How have you learned to be flexible?
10. How do Eleanor's letters to Jeremiah parallel Sophie's own life?
11. How is God's love evident throughout the story? When things seem hopeless in your own life does God "prove" Himself to you the way He does to Sophie and the other characters? How?
12. What do the horses represent in the story? How has their lineage been preserved and why?
13. Discuss Ritter and Monica's relationship. Is Monica as clueless as she appears to be? What do you think are her motivations?

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