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Discussion Questions for *Gideon the Ninth* by Tamsyn Muir

“While we were developing common sense, she studied the blade.”

“*Gideon the Ninth*” throws the reader into a unique world of necromancers and warriors. What did you think of the world that Tamsyn Muir built in this book? What were your favorite details?

Gideon is sometimes snarky, rude, or just plain mean. Did you like having a sometimes-unlikeable character as the narrator of this book? When did you find yourself sympathizing with her?

What are your thoughts about the relationship between Gideon and Harrow as it develops throughout the book?



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“Gideon the Ninth” plays with a lot of different tropes. It’s essentially a locked-room murder mystery, it takes place in a crumbling gothic house, and the relationship between Gideon and Harrow is a play on the classic enemies-to-lovers story. What other tropes or references did you catch? Did you like the use of these plot devices? Did it help you understand the story better, or did it get in the way of your enjoyment?

There are members of 8 houses of necromancy in competition in the book. Did you identify with any of the houses? Was there one you particularly disliked? Were you intrigued by any of the types of necromancy portrayed in the book?

“Gideon the Ninth” is the first book in a planned trilogy. Will you be picking up book 2, “Harrow the Ninth”? Where do you think the next book will go with the plot?

If Hollywood ever came calling, who would you want to see play Gideon and Harrow in a movie or TV adaptation?

READ-ALIKES

Did you enjoy this book and want to explore similar items?

- **Unconquerable Sun** by Kate Elliott - This book has been described as a gender-swapped Alexander the Great in space. If you liked the space opera drama and strong female lead character of “Gideon the Ninth,” you might enjoy this book.
- **The Stars are Legion** by Kameron Hurley - If you enjoyed the political intrigue and macabre setting of “Gideon the Ninth,” try this book. It tells the story of a prisoner with amnesia who is part of a dying civilization in space.
- **Space Opera** by Catherynne M. Valente - People who prefer their space opera to be silly rather than darkly humorous might enjoy this book, which features a band selected to represent Earth in an intergalactic contest reminiscent of Eurovision.
- **The Harp of Kings** by Juliet Marillier - If you enjoy historical fantasy more than space opera, you might want to pick up this book. It also features a warrior woman navigating court drama and difficult challenges - but this time in a Celtic-flavored setting.
- **Harrow the Ninth** by Tamsyn Muir is the second book in the Ninth House trilogy launched by “Gideon the Ninth.” The trilogy will conclude with the upcoming book *Alecto the Ninth*.

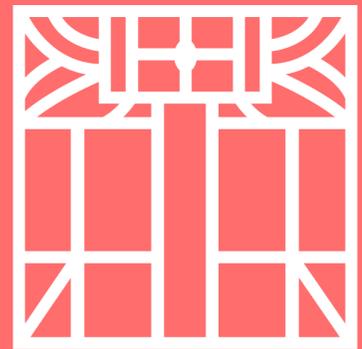
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