

Aubade Rising

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Book club suggested discussion questions:

- 1. Did you learn anything new from Sage's story?
- 2. How did Sage grow or change throughout the story?
- 3. How did the author use setting and mood to enhance the story and did they do this effectively?
- 4. Which character did you dislike the most and why?
- 5. How did you feel about the romance between Sage and Eskar and did it develop authentically?
- 6. Did you have a favourite side character in this story or a character that intrigued you?
- 7. The characters in this story are all mainly adults in their early thirties (Cado, Sage, Derla, Kitto). How does their age help or hinder in their decision-making regarding how to rule a kingdom?
- 8. Sage's torture early in the story affects how she interacts with the world and reinforces her prejudice towards the Mordros. At what point did you most feel sympathy for her situation (if at all)?
- 9. Dervla expresses frustration at Sage's attitude towards her ambition to rule Trevesiga at the end of the book. To what extent is Sage being a hypocrite with regards to ambition?
- 10. Was the ending satisfying or frustrating and why?

