

THE GATHERING

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



1. Why do you think the townspeople don't trust Barbara?
2. Why do you think Barbara seems to be the only one who wants to solve this case and find the actual killer? Is it about justice for humans or for the vampyrs?
3. What was your first impression of Deadhart? Would you want to live there? How is it similar to or different from the place where you live now?
4. Discuss the different types of outsiders in the book. Who gets to define who the outsiders are? How are they treated?
5. Were you more sympathetic to the vampyrs or the humans? How did that change over the course of the book?
6. Do you think Jacob delivering blood to the colony was right or wrong? Would you have done it if you were him?
7. Discuss the representation of the vampyrs in the book. Were they different from other vampyrs you've read about in books or seen in movies? What parallels do you see between how the vampyrs are treated in Deadhart, and other outsider groups are treated in the real world?
8. What did you think about the use of different POVs throughout the novel? Why do you think the author chose to tell the story this way?
9. How did the chapters with the girl and her captor affect your understanding of human/vampyr relationships?
10. Were any of your predictions and suspicions correct? What did you get right? Wrong?
11. Who would you cast in a TV show or movie adaption of *The Gathering*?

