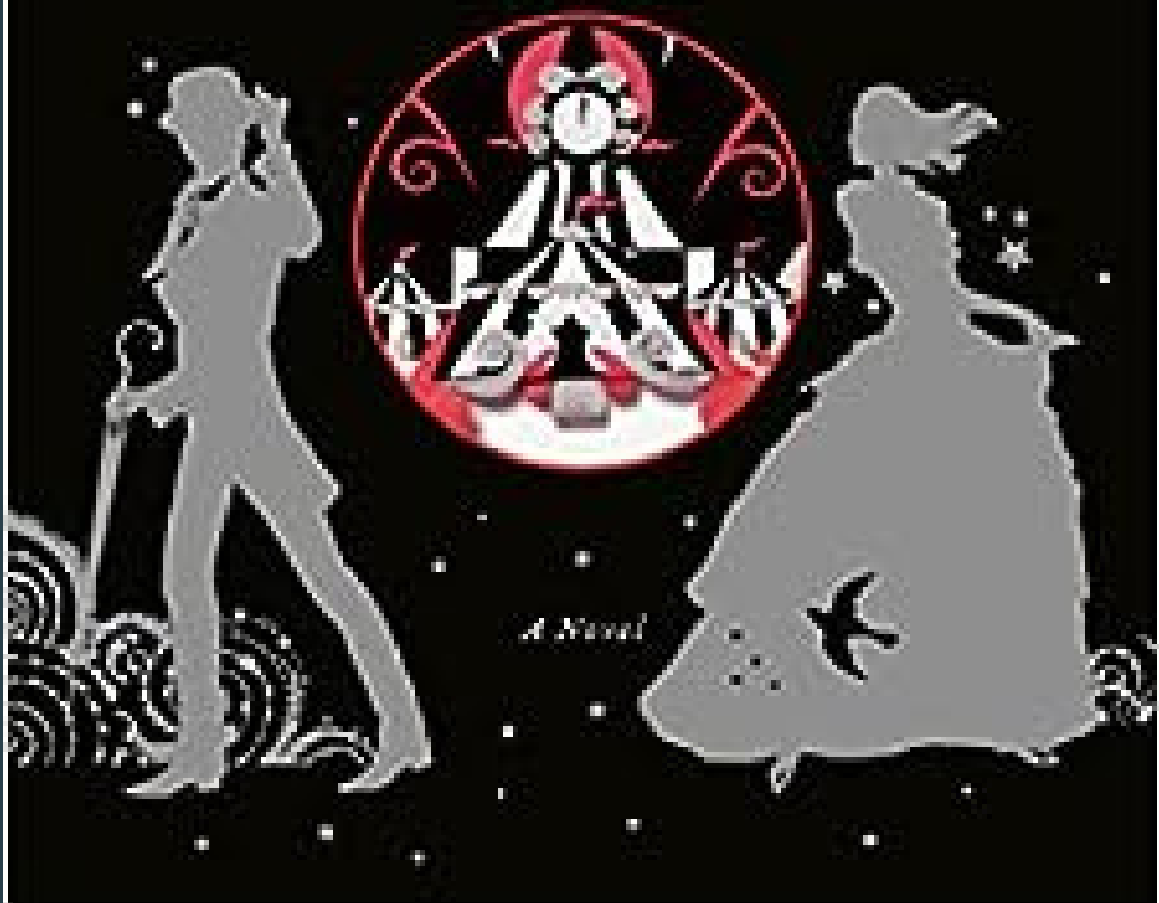


#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER

The
NIGHT
CIRCUS

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BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

1. The Night Circus itself is a central and magical setting in the story. How does the circus serve as a metaphor for the larger themes of creativity, competition, and the duality of life?
2. The novel is told from multiple perspectives and timelines. How do these shifts in perspective enhance your understanding of the characters and their motivations?
3. Celia and Marco are bound by a dangerous and lifelong magical competition. How does their relationship evolve over time, and what do you think the consequences of their competition are on their personal lives?
4. The descriptions of the circus's enchanting performances and magical displays are vivid and immersive. How does the author's writing style contribute to the sense of wonder and atmosphere in the book?
5. Bailey and Poppet are two characters outside the central competition, yet they play significant roles in the circus's story. How do their experiences as outsiders influence the overall narrative?
6. The circus is a place of mystery and illusion, yet it also explores deeper themes of love, sacrifice, and destiny. How do these themes intersect with the fantastical elements of the story?
7. Widget and Poppet have unique abilities that contribute to the circus's allure. How do their talents mirror or contrast with the abilities of the other characters?
8. The novel is rich with symbolism, such as the black and white tents, the clock, and the bonfire. How do these symbols enhance the story's themes and impact your interpretation of the narrative?
9. The timeline of the novel is non-linear, jumping between different years and moments. How does this structure affect your reading experience and understanding of the characters' development?
10. The circus itself is a character with a life of its own. How does the circus's growth and evolution parallel the characters' journeys, and how does it tie together the different threads of the story?