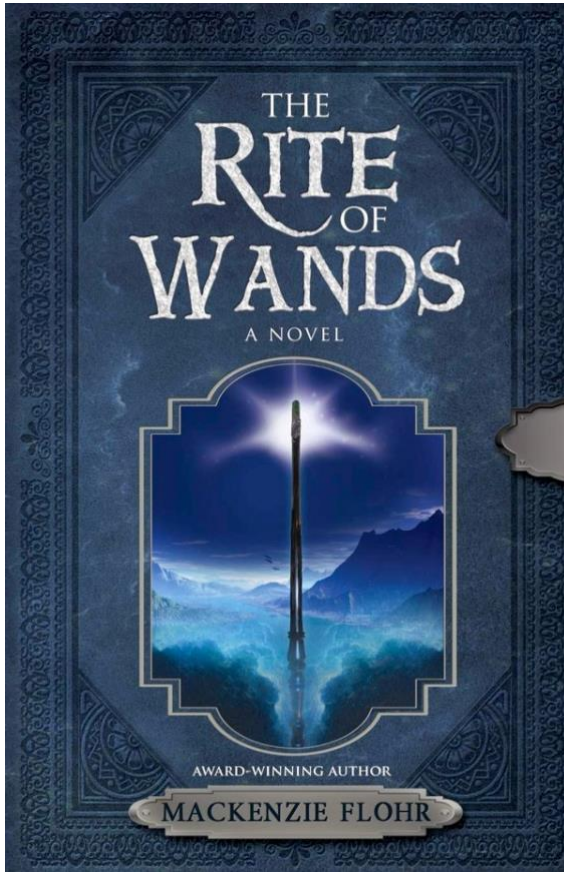


Discussion Questions for The Rite of Wands

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1. The Rite of Wands is named after a ritual all witches and warlocks must endure in order to gain their powers. If the Rite of Wands ceremony existed in our world, would you want to participate in it in order to see a glimpse of your future? Why or why not?
2. If you had the ability to change an event in your past, would you do it knowing that it could possibly have a negative effect on your life today?
3. After the Rite of Wands ceremony, Mierta starts exhibiting signs of PTSD. Do you feel a twelve-year-old would be psychologically mature enough to handle the information he or she is given in the Rite of Wands ceremony? Why do you think this way?
4. Could the Rite of Wands ceremony potentially be a type of mind-control/brainwashing?
5. Lord Kaeto tells young Mierta he will be given the opportunity to change his future. Do you think our futures are set in stone? Why or why not?
6. At the beginning of *The Rite of Wands*, Orlynd feels like he doesn't belong. Have you ever found yourself feeling the same way? How did you deal with it?
7. Tiberius O'Brien is banished from the kingdom of Vandolay for crimes against Magulias. Do you think Tiberius's friendship with Mortain McKinnon would have changed had he known Mortain was a Magulia? How so?
8. Mierta accuses his father of lying to him and holding him back from his destiny. Do you think Mierta was correct in feeling this way or was Mortain truly being the overcautious parent?
9. Mierta seems quite oblivious to his growing obsession of conjuring up a cure for the Shreya. Why do you think this is?
10. Throughout the novel, Mierta continually talks down to and about his brother, Lochlann. How does this make you feel?
11. Do you think Mierta is acting this way in a misguided attempt to nurture his brother or is he simply being a jerk?
12. Mortain reveals in a rolled-up piece of paper, "His name is Verlyn?" Who do you think Mortain is referring to and why do you think he has had to keep this information a secret?