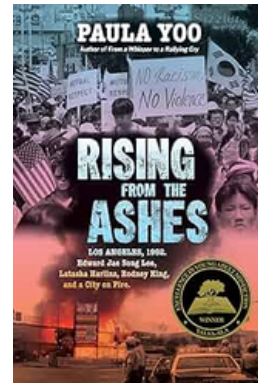


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Discussion Questions

1. Before reading *Rising from the Ashes*, what did you already know—or think you knew—about the 1992 Los Angeles Uprising?
2. Which factors do you think were the most significant in causing the uprising and why?
3. The book includes both historical background and personal stories. Did you ever feel overwhelmed by the amount of information it contained? What helped you sort through it?
4. If you were a journalist covering the uprising, who would you most want to interview, and what would you want to ask them?
5. Thinking about Rodney King's beating and the trial, how do you think you would have ruled as a juror? How would you explain your decision to other jurors?
6. The book shares the stories of people who were killed before and during the uprising. Which story resonated with you the most, and why?
7. How did stereotypes about African American and Korean communities influence the way the media reported the uprising and how blame was assigned?



8. The book explains why many Korean immigrants opened businesses in Los Angeles. When the uprising threatened those businesses, what actions did many Korean store owners feel they needed to take?
9. How did the fires that destroyed buildings and neighborhoods affect the people and communities who lived in those areas?
10. Looking at the aftermath of George Floyd's death and the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, do you think these events could have helped people who struggled during and after 1992? How?
11. Rodney King asked, "Can we all get along?" What does this question mean to you today? Are you optimistic or pessimistic about Los Angeles now or in the future?

