



The Aves

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Discussion Questions

1. The book shows how a neighborhood can shape the people who live in it. How does *The Aves* influence the characters' friendships, choices, and daily lives?
2. Which character did you connect with the most, and what about their personality or story felt familiar to you?
3. *The Aves* is described as a tight-knit community, even when things get difficult. What moments in the book show the strength of the neighborhood?
4. Many characters are trying to figure out their identities—who they are and who they want to be. How does the neighborhood help or challenge them as they grow?
5. The story explores themes of safety and belonging. When do the characters feel most safe or unsafe? What do those moments reveal about their community?
6. *The Aves* faces changes that could impact families and local businesses. How do the characters respond to these changes, and what does this show about resilience?
7. Friendship plays a big role in the book. What makes the friendships in the story strong? What pressures or conflicts threaten them?
8. Throughout the book, characters try to protect what they love—people, places, or traditions. What is something in *The Aves* that a character works hard to preserve? Why is it important?



9. If you lived in The Aves, what part of the neighborhood would matter most to you—your school, your friends, a local hangout, or something else? Why?

10. Imagine you could interview one character from the book. Who would you choose, and what two questions would you ask them to better understand their story?

