

## The Last Prince Discussion Questions for Readers and Book Groups

- 1. There is a lot of moral ambiguity in *The Last Prince*. Which characters—or situations—did you think occupied a moral gray area?
- 2. Ninian's personal character is shaped by events and forces both good and evil. Which do you think is dominant in him and why?
- 3. Who saved whom... Ninian or Áed? Both characters were deeply vulnerable. Do you think one or the other had a stronger role in the other's redemption?
- 4. How did you feel about Brígh as an antagonist? Is she the kind of strong character you expect or seek in a novel? What did you love or hate about her? How does she differ from other female antagonists you've read? Is she the only antagonist in *The Last Prince*?
- 5. The idea of "found family" threads through both *The Hidden King* and *The Last Prince*. What do you think makes a family? What "found families" do we discover in these stories? What parallels have you encountered in the world you know?
- 6. The author released *The Last Prince* as book 2 in the series, even though the story is a prequel to *The Hidden King*. If you've read both books, what do you think the author hoped to achieve by releasing in this order? How was your experience of the story affected by the reading order?
- 7. What does Ninian's "trash child" tell you about who he is? Do you think his action was unique in the Maze?
- 8. Have you ever kept a secret from someone you cared about, because it was just too scary to tell?
- 9. The Hidden King was a "hero's journey". Do you think the same can be said of The Last Prince? Why or why not?

