

Book Club Discussion Questions

The Extinction Trials – S.M. Wilson

1. The people of Earthasia are taught to fear all dinosaurs, but the characters soon discover that while some dinosaurs are dangerous to humans, others aren't predatory at all. What moral challenges does this cause for the characters?
2. Family is a key theme in the novel. How does this shape the choices of the characters in *The Extinction Trials*?
3. Storm has a difficulty forming relationships with others. Why do you think this is? Does this change across the novel?
4. How does Storm and Lincoln's relationship develop and change across the novel?
5. How is Rune's death a turning point in the novel?
6. How is the friendship of the characters tested on Piloría?
7. Storm frequently questions whether humans have a right to take land that doesn't belong to them. What does this reflect about our history?
8. Blaine talks about the balance of life and how nature is all connected. What could be the consequences of removing even the predatory dinosaurs on Piloría? How does this link to the world we live in?
9. Storm says 'We've caused the problems on our own continent. And it's up to us to solve them.' What do you think the author is trying to say about our world through Storm?
10. What did you think about the end of the novel? Did it end how you thought it would?