A green-toned illustration of a child with a large, round, dark hair bun, seen from behind, standing on a path and looking towards a wooden bridge. The bridge has a complex truss structure. The scene is framed by dark, gnarled tree branches with small leaves. The background is a light green wash with faint sketches of foliage and a small animal in the bottom right corner.

# The Gates of AURONA

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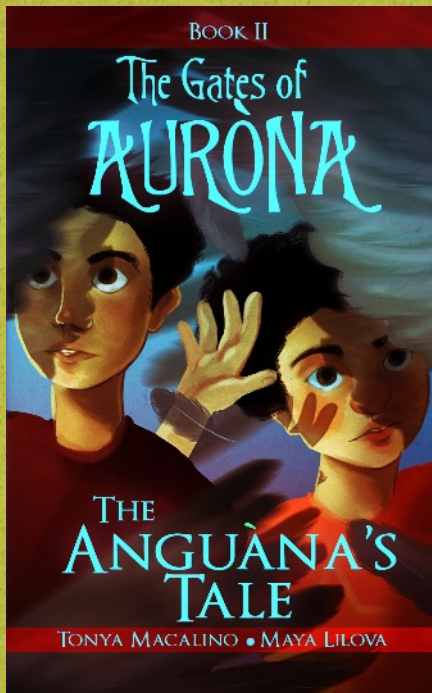


# Discussion Questions

## The Anguàna's Tale,

Book Two of The Gates of Aurona Series

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MAGIC ONCE MET...

Spina de Mùl vanished into the night, leaving only the ashes of magical poppies; the Congress of Marmots disappeared from the Between woods, leaving only the echo of their sad story. But Hannah and Cameron understand now that the world is much more magical—and dangerous—than they ever knew.

When a flock of turkey vultures blacks out the sun, Hannah and Cam realize the ancient saga of their father's people is beginning anew!

*"CLANG, CLANG, CLANG:  
THE SWORD AGAINST THE GOLDEN GATE.  
THE TREASURE WAITS WITHIN."*

The following pages are for you, dear reader.

Each of us connects to the world in our own unique way.

Some of us gather to chat over tea or on a walk. Some of us sit in our hidden bowers and write or draw out what is in our minds. Others of us create with Legos™ or clay or Minecraft™ or digital paint or video or camera.

The discussion questions on the following pages can be used for book clubs; amongst friends, family, and classmates; or all by yourself.

Fill these pages with the wild, wild, imaginings of your own creative brain. Maya and I are so excited to see what you discover!





## Question One:

IN CHAPTER ONE, ARBORISTS CUT DOWN BIG BEN, LEAVING THE TROYERS ALL A LITTLE SAD. DID YOU EVER HAVE A FAVORITE LANDMARK THAT WAS REMOVED? WHY WAS IT TAKEN DOWN? HOW DID THE WORLD FEEL DIFFERENT TO YOU WITH IT GONE? WHY?

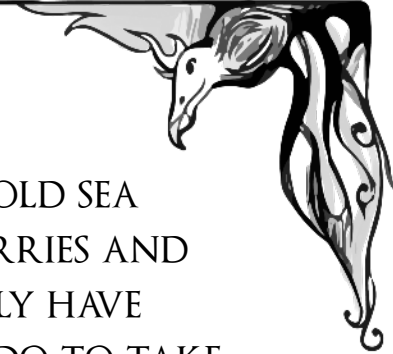





## Question Two:

WHEN SHE REMEMBERS THE SQUIRRELS' STORY, HANNAH  
KEEPS THINKING: BUT I'M JUST A KID! HAVE YOU EVER BEEN  
CALLED ON TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING IMPORTANT?  
WERE YOU SCARED? WHAT DID YOU DO?





## Question Three:

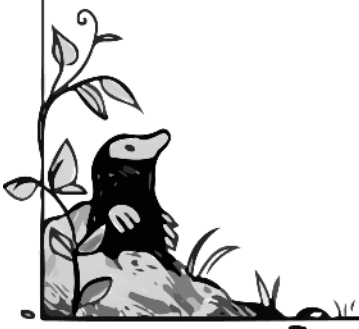
BRIDGET AND THE KIDS START BELTING OUT OLD SEA SHANTIES TO TAKE THEIR MINDS OFF THEIR WORRIES AND MAKE THE WALK SHORTER. DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE FAVORITE WORK SONGS? IF NOT, WHAT DO THEY DO TO TAKE THEIR MINDS OFF OF THINGS WHILE THEY WORK?





## Question Four:

IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT THAT YOUR DOWNTOWN HAS WOODEN PLANK STREETS. WHY IS THIS BETTER THAN DIRT ROADS? WHAT IS CHALLENGING ABOUT IT? (WHAT MIGHT IT BE LIKE WHEN IT FLOODS WITH RAIN OR GETS COVERED WITH ICE? WHAT MIGHT IT BE LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF IT?)





## Question Five:

BRIDGET STOPS TO TAKE PICTURES OF A TRAIN.  
HAVE YOU EVER RIDDEN A TRAIN? WHAT ABOUT  
TRAINS IS BETTER THAN CARS? WHAT IS WORSE?





## Question Six:

SHIRLEY REILEY MADE HER TOY STORE INTO HANNAH  
AND CAMERON'S FAVORITE WHIMSICAL WONDERLAND!  
IF YOU WERE GOING TO CREATE A TOY STORE, WHAT  
WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE IT MAGICAL?





## Question Seven:

THE TROYERS WALK OUT OF THE TOY STORE INTO A "BIG OL' VULTURE PARTY." NONETHELESS, THEY CONTINUE ON THEIR EXCURSION TO THE ARTFULL GARDEN. SHOULD THEY HAVE? WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?



## Question Eight:

HANNAH AND CAMERON GLIMPSE THE TOMBSTONES OF SOME OF HILLSBORO'S FAMOUS PIONEERS AS THEY DRIVE BY THE PIONEER CEMETERY. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO YOUR CITY'S PIONEER CEMETERY? WHAT ARE SOME NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU MIGHT LOOK FOR THERE—CITY FOUNDERS AND OTHER CELEBRITIES?





## Question Nine:

HANNAH'S MOTHER GAVE HER THE STORY OF FERN HOBBS TO STRENGTHEN HER COURAGE. DO YOU FEEL BRAVER AFTER HEARING FERN'S STORY? IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY THAT MAKES YOU FEEL BRAVE?



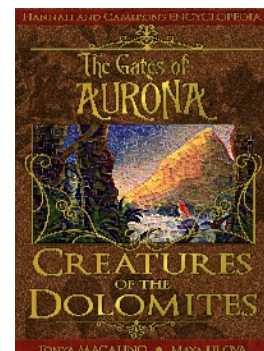
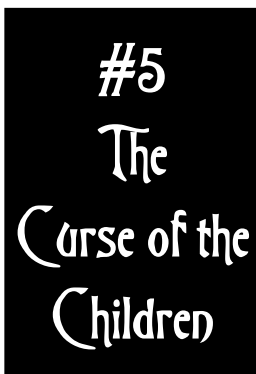
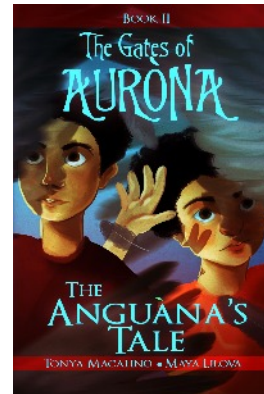




## Question Ten:

HANNAH GETS THE KING OF THE FIRE EAGLES TO RELEASE HER BROTHER BY CONVINCING HIM THAT THE RULES HAVE CHANGED AND THAT TAKING A BOY FROM HIS FAMILY IN THIS TIME WOULD MAKE THE KING EVIL. CAN YOU THINK OF WAYS THAT THE RULES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE OLD DAYS? WHEN WOULD YOU PREFER TO LIVE,? NOW? DURING THE TIME OF THE STEAMSHIPS? DURING THE COPPER AGE? WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE RULES IN THAT TIME?

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