

The Gates of
AURONA

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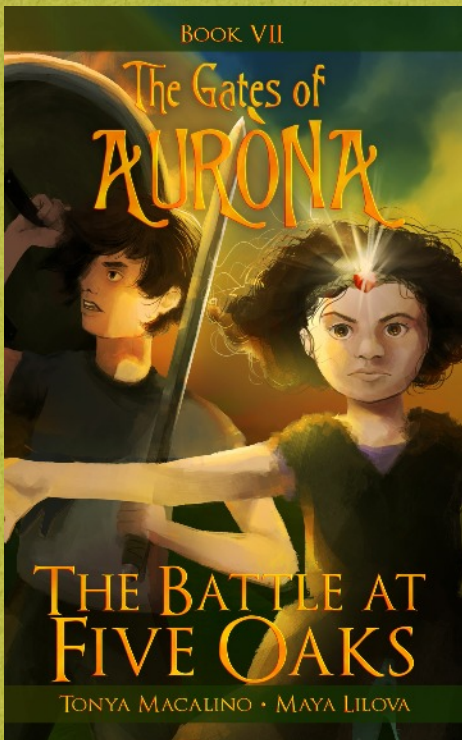
THE BATTLE AT
FIVE OAKS

Discussion Questions

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Book Seven of The Gates of Aurona Series

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KNOW YOUR PEOPLE'S SECRET HEART, HEAL YOUR OWN...

The final battle has begun. Hannah and Cameron must lead the Hillsboro Army against the mad sorcerer, Spina de Mül. But will this be a battle doomed to repeat their family's tragic history?

Or will Hannah and Cameron finally find a way to defeat three thousand years of Spina de Mül's rage?

*"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:

AS THIS FINAL BOOK BEGINS, HANNAH IS RALLYING HER COURAGE TO TAKE UP THE ROLE OF A LEADER, DESPITE BEING SURROUNDED BY ADULTS. CAN YOU THINK OF ANY YOUNG LEADERS WHO INSPIRE YOU? HAVE YOU EVER LED A GROUP? HOW DID YOU INSPIRE OTHERS?





Question Two:

DO YOU KNOW THE SECRET HEART OF YOUR TOWN, WHERE IT ALL BEGAN? WHERE IS THE SECRET HEART FOR YOUR OWN FAMILY? IS THERE A PLACE THAT IS LEGENDARY FOR YOU?





Question Three:

JACK REMINDS BRIDGET WHAT HER SPECIAL TALENT IS IN A CRISIS: TALKING TO PEOPLE TO FIND OUT ANSWERS. WHAT WOULD YOUR TALENT BE IN A CRISIS? WHAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF A TIME YOU USED THAT TALENT?





Question Four:

THE TROYERS HAVE TWO TEAMS ON THEIR SIDE: THE HISTORY PEOPLE WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND THE NEIGHBORS WITH THEIR ORGANIZING SKILLS. WHAT SKILLS WOULD YOU WANT ON YOUR TEAM AT A TIME LIKE THIS?





Question Five:

ODESSA SAYS THAT PEOPLE TEND TO COME TOGETHER IN HARD TIMES. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO NOW TO MAKE SURE YOUR COMMUNITY IS READY TO WORK TOGETHER THROUGH A DISASTER (SUCH AS A TORNADO OR EARTHQUAKE)?





Question Six:

HANNAH REALIZES THAT HILLSBORO WASN'T JUST ONE PERSON'S DREAM, BUT RATHER THE DREAM OF THOUSANDS OVER DECADES. HOW HAS YOUR GENERATION CONTRIBUTED TO THE DREAM OF YOUR TOWN? HOW HAVE YOU TAKEN PART IN THAT?





Question Seven:

HANNAH SHARES HER LESSON WITH SPINA AT FIVE OAKS:
THAT STORIES SHOULD HELP US CHANGE AND GROW. WHAT
IS A STORY THAT MADE YOU THINK DIFFERENTLY, THAT
MADE YOU GROW AS A PERSON?





Question Eight:

IF YOU COULD SEE ANYONE FROM YOUR TOWN'S PAST STEP THROUGH THE GATE, WHO WOULD THAT BE? WHAT QUESTIONS WOULD YOU ASK THEM?

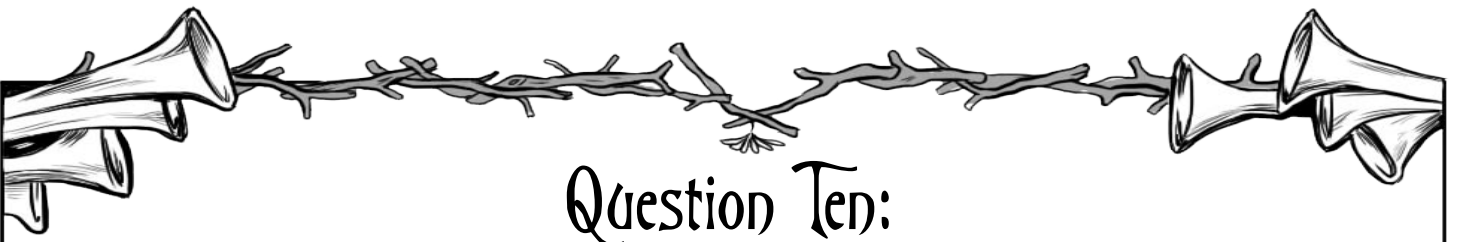




Question Nine:

FERN HOBBS TELLS HANNAH: "YOU ARE NOT DEFINED SOLELY BY THIS ONE MOMENT, BUT BY THE WORTH OF ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE. YOU HAVE THE SPIRIT TO DO GREAT THINGS." GIVEN THE CHANCE, WHAT GREAT THINGS WOULD YOU DO FOR YOUR WORLD?



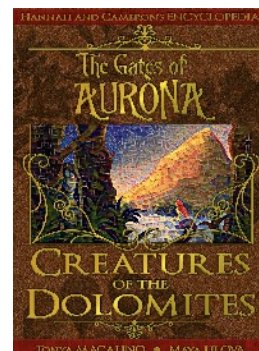
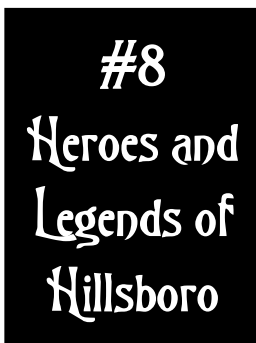
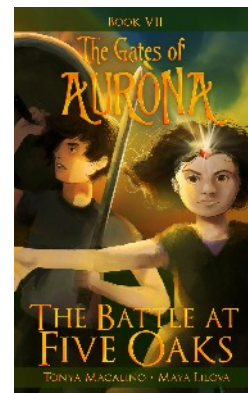
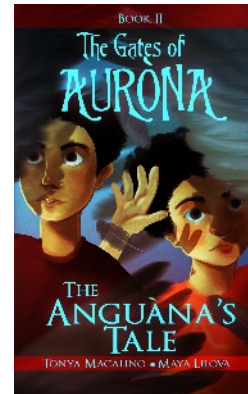
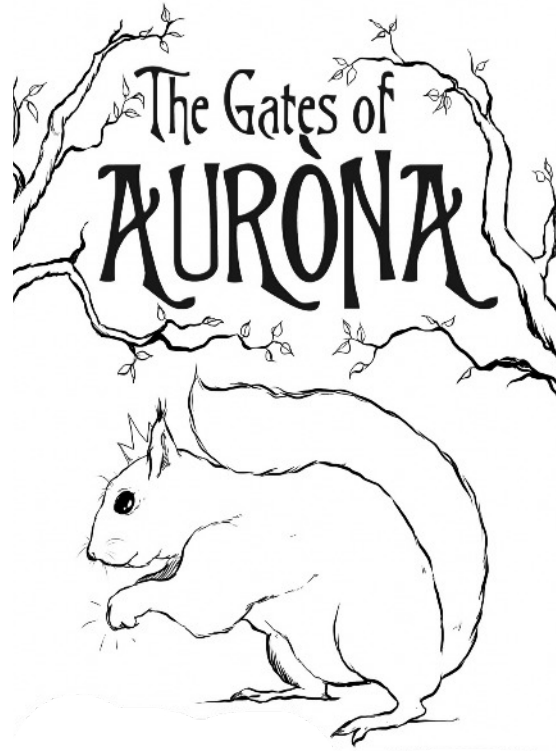


Question Ten:

IN THE END, HANNAH AND CAMERON FIND THAT THE
MAGIC LINGERS ON IN THE WOOD OF THE OLD
SCHOOLHOUSE AND THE SOFT FUR OF THEIR NEW KITTENS.
WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR MAGIC WHEN YOU NEED IT?



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