

# THIS TALE IS FORBIDDEN

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### BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION NOTES

1. Would you recommend this book to someone? Why or why not? What kind of reader would enjoy this book the most?
2. What do you think were the key themes of this book?
3. What was your favourite part of this book?
4. Compare this book to other similar books, such as dystopian novels, you have read. How are they the same or different?
5. Why do you think the author Polly Crosby wrote this book? What do you think their goal was in writing this book?
6. Discuss the subversion of traditional fairy tales that takes place within the novel. How does Nesta's version of fairy tales impact the way you think about the fairy tales we know? Do you think traditional fairy tales include many strong female characters?
7. The Authorities force all the women in the city to dress a certain way. Why do you think this is?
8. Women aren't allowed to go anywhere by themselves. Why do you think this is? How does this make you feel?

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