



## AVIARY

A Novel

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## Discussion Questions

1. How do the concepts of corporate and capitalist interest affect each of the characters in *Aviary* differently?
2. How does the idea of vulnerability affect the residents of Pheasant Run? Outside of Pheasant Run? What type of decisions do characters make based upon their vulnerability, or others?
3. What significance does Deirdre McNamer's depiction of old age/later stages of life bring to the character's lives? How about to the plot?
4. As a fire inspector, how does Lander Maki use his senses to interact with the environment? How is this different from others in the novel?
5. In what ways does *Aviary* have parallels with the mystery genre? In what ways does it confound the genre?
6. Name the different types of isolation that each character faces. How does isolation affect motives and decision-making?
7. What is the significance of the book's ending scene occurring in February of 2020? How does this relate to the themes of isolation? If you had to wonder, how do you think each character would react to the global pandemic?
8. How does the idea of eviction and financial instability affect the characters' choices and the advancement of the plot?
9. What purpose does the Montana landscape and climate have in terms of the story? Does this affect the sense of community in any way? What about the presence of isolation?
10. How can you reflect on the themes in this novel within your own communities?