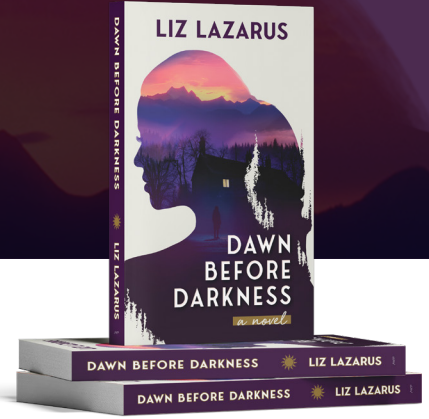


# DAWN BEFORE DARKNESS

*a novel* BY LIZ LAZARUS



## Book Club Discussion Questions

In order to provide reading groups with the most thought-provoking questions possible, it is necessary to reveal important aspects of the plot of this novel. If you have not finished reading *Dawn Before Darkness*, we recommend that you wait before reviewing this guide.

### 1. OVERALL

Would you recommend *Dawn Before Darkness* to a friend? Why or why not?

### 6. SELF-PROTECTION

Were you aware that the Aspire app is a real application? What precautions have you taken to seek help if you or someone you love were in danger?

### 2. VET TECHS

In this book, Dawn experiences the joys and sorrows of caring for animals. Did her experience change the way you look at this vocation?

### 7. GUN OWNERSHIP

Dawn is not familiar with firearms and does not want to own one. Her opinion changes somewhat as she fears for her safety. Do you agree with her changing views?

### 3. STALKING

Do you know anyone who is dealing with a stalker or who has sought a restraining order? How has it affected his/her life and family?

### 8. CHARACTERS

Were the characters in this novel realistic? What more would you like to know about the characters or their history?

### 4. AGING & LEGAL DOCUMENTS

As our parents age, it is important to have the proper legal paperwork (POA, Trusts, Wills) in place to reflect their wishes. Have you and your family had these tough conversations?

### 9. ENDING

Were you surprised by the ending? What different ending could you imagine for this book? What other elements of the book surprised you?

### 5. GUARDIANSHIP & CONSERVATORSHIP

Do you know anyone who is dealing with a guardianship or conservatorship case? How has it affected his/her life and family?

### 10. MOVIE CASTING

If *Dawn Before Darkness* were made into a movie, who would you cast for Dawn, Marie, Stuart, Nick, Kelly, Dr. Patel and Smita?



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