

**Book Club Questions for  
Curious Tides by Pascale Lacelle**

1. The magic system in the story is intricately tied to the phases of the moon at the time of a person's birth. How does this unique magical concept enhance the story? How does it influence the characters' abilities and relationships?
2. Discuss the character growth of Emory throughout the story. How does her journey from a mediocre healer to a powerful mage impact her personality and decisions? Are there moments where you found her actions particularly relatable or surprising?
3. Baz's character is also central to the plot. How does his complex relationship with his late sister, Romie, shape his motivations and interactions with Emory? In what ways does his eclipse magic define his identity?
4. The story takes place in Aldryn College for Lunar Magics, creating a dark academia atmosphere. How does this setting contribute to the overall tone of the book? Are there specific scenes or descriptions that stood out to you?
5. The novel explores themes such as grief, survivor's guilt, and the complexities of magical abilities. How are these themes portrayed in the story? Can you identify moments where these themes are particularly poignant?
6. Symbolism plays a significant role in the book, especially with the inclusion of excerpts from "Song of the Drowned Gods." How do these excerpts enhance the narrative, and what do you think they symbolize in the context of the story?
7. The book is praised for its plot twists and mysteries. Were there specific moments that surprised you or that you predicted earlier in the story? How did the plot twists impact your reading experience?
8. How does the book handle representation, including mental health topics such as anxiety and trauma? Do you think these topics were portrayed realistically and sensitively?
9. Discuss the relationships in the story, including friendships, romantic connections, and familial bonds. Which relationships were your favorite, and why?

10. The author has created a detailed magical world based on lunar magic. What aspects of this world-building fascinated you the most? Are there elements you wish were explored further?
11. The story is narrated from multiple perspectives and includes excerpts from "Song of the Drowned Gods." How did the narrative style and pacing affect your reading experience? Did you find it engaging and well-paced?
12. The book has been compared to other works like "Ninth House" and "A Deadly Education." In what ways do you think it stands out from or resembles these books? Would you recommend "Curious Tides" to fans of similar fantasy novels?
13. For those who read the physical copy, how did the book's design, including the moon phase transitions and excerpts formatting, enhance the reading experience? Did it add to the overall atmosphere of the story?