



23 October – 6 November

## Book club discussion guide

1. What role do myths and legends play in *The Story Collector*?
2. How would you describe the role of the hawthorn tree in the story?
3. To what extent does the natural environment in the story influence the unfolding events?
4. How are various characters' reactions to folklore and superstition depicted?
5. Can you trace any symbolic elements in the story and their relevance to the plot?
6. How does the narrative explore the concept of tradition against modern sensibilities?
7. What role does societal expectation play in shaping the actions of the characters?
8. How are the elements of loss, grief, and healing tackled within the narrative?
9. How does the author utilize the supernatural to enhance the overall theme of the story?
10. How do the shared stories and experiences within the narrative underline the universality of human experiences across different time periods?

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