

**Book Club Discussion Questions for
*Counteract: Book One of the Resistance Series***

1. Describe Careen. How does her character change over the course of the story? What is her attitude about the terrorist attack and the government's plan to protect the people, and how does it change as the story progresses?
2. Describe Tommy's reaction to the loss of his parents. Is it natural that he would pause to consider whether he wanted the antidote that promised to keep him alive through the terrorist attack?
3. Dr. Trina Jacobs had strong feelings about Dr. Stratford's plan to use CSD. Should she have kept her feelings to herself or was she right to try and enlist allies among her coworkers?
4. Describe some of the civilian restrictions that affect Careen and Tommy. Discuss whether the restrictions could achieve their purpose and help keep people safe.
5. When Quadrant Marshal Wes Carraway realizes his brother has been given a different formula of the antidote than himself, he chooses not to tell his brother, yet takes the antidote bottle with him. Why?
6. *Counteract* and *Resist* are written with multiple points of view. Would the story be as effective if told from a single point of view?
7. If you were Careen at the beginning of the book, would you believe the government's announcement and willingly take the antidote?
8. Which character did you identify with the most?
9. Do you see any of the events or characters in *Counteract* as metaphorical? Does the book have a message or a warning that relates to our current situation in the US?
10. What makes Careen willing to acknowledge her feelings for Tommy? In contrast, why is he so quick to hope for a relationship to develop between them?
11. Does Wes Carraway manipulate Careen, Tommy, and Eduardo for legitimate reasons?
12. How does Tommy's character evolve from the beginning of the book to the end?
13. Were Dr. Stratford's plans and actions justifiable? Did he have anyone else's best interests at heart? Do you think he believed his plan would bring an end to terrorism on American soil?

14. As Tommy and Careen break free from the isolation imposed upon them by the civilian restrictions and their daily doses of CSD, they become a threat to the Office of Civilian Safety and Defense's plans. What do you think the OCSD will do next to maintain control over the population?
15. Is it realistic that the gradual introduction of the civilian restrictions would be met with little or no opposition from the general population? Which restrictions would you have been least willing to accept? Which would not have bothered you?
16. Would you have been more likely to choose a role in the Resistance more like Careen's, or Tommy's?

Book Club Discussion Questions for *Resist: Book Two of the Resistance Series*

- 1) Do you think Wes made the right choice to rescue the most vulnerable members of the Resistance, even though it meant leaving Kevin, Trina, Tommy, and Careen behind?
- 2) What led to the change in Eduardo's personality and sense of purpose?
- 3) Describe some of the freedoms that Wes and Jaycee grew up with that are unfamiliar to Tommy and Careen.
- 4) Why did so many girls and women copy Careen's pink highlights?
- 5) Do you agree with Tom Bailey's decision to protect his wife from information that he thought would be upsetting to her in her delicate condition?
- 6) Why does Madalyn Davies insist on the OCSD's policies being obeyed, no matter what?
- 7) How would you feel if you'd been taking CSD as directed, then detoxed when you received the placebo dose? Would you be angry? Confused? Would you find it harder to trust the OCSD in the future?
- 8) Tommy and Careen have differing opinions on how to advance the Resistance's cause. Which method of fighting the OCSD do you think would be more effective? Which would you choose?
- 9) Is Mitch Carraway a good leader? Is he a good role model for Danni, Wes, and Jaycee?
- 10) Were you surprised by anyone who was secretly working for the Resistance on the "outside?"
- 11) How would you have tried to keep people from panicking during the food crisis?
- 12) Why did Tommy's mother keep secrets from him when he was younger?
- 13) What was Tommy's biggest mistake in this book?
- 14) What was Careen's biggest mistake in this book?
- 15) Several characters express the feeling that the disaster at the student center in OP-439 is "all their fault." Who, if anyone, do you think was mostly to blame? Who could have prevented the events from unfolding as they did?

Book Club Discussion Questions for *Ignite: Book Three of the Resistance Series*

- 1) Did you think Careen's decision at the beginning of the book was brave, or foolish?
- 2) Is Danni a hero for the dangerous role she plays in the Resistance, or is she a liability?
- 3) At what point in this book does Tommy stop being reactive and start behaving in a proactive manner?
- 4) A character's reaction to the death of another character can say a lot about him or her. Choose one character and explain what you know about them based on how they reacted to the death that occurred at the bombing in OP-439.
- 5) Give an example how a lack of information causes a character in *Ignite* to jump to the wrong conclusion.
- 6) Several characters reveal new information about themselves in this part of the story. Who are you most curious to learn more about in the next book?
- 7) If you were visiting Atari at the safe house, where would you want to hang out?
- 8) Did you agree with Tom's decision to travel to the capital and try to act as moderator with Madalyn?
- 9) Would Kevin be a good leader?
- 10) Did Tommy have realistic expectations about re-establishing contact with Careen?
- 11) Who is your favorite character and why?
- 12) Was the story line predictable? If not, what surprised you as you read the book?
- 13) Some of the characters' philosophies about the best way to fight the OCSD have changed. Now, in the third book, who do you think has a realistic viewpoint about what it will take to achieve the Resistance's goals?
- 14) Must inventions that were created to aid society always find a way to be used with bad intent?
- 15) Comment on Jaycee's storyline from *Counteract* forward. How has she changed? How is she the same?