

Discussion Guide: Fake Chocolate by Amber Royer

1. When Bo says that Janvier has burned Earth's last hope, what does she really mean? Do you feel it is ironic – as SHE is Earth's last hope? Or do you think it is more about Janvier giving up?
2. What did you think of the way Bo's relationship to Frank evolved over the trilogy? And Frank's relationship to Brill?
3. How much of what Gavin does to protect Bo comes from obligation, and how much from genuine respect? How does Bo gain Crosskiss's respect? Does all of this correlated to an increase in Bo's own self-respect?
4. How does Bo finally realize how much she's mis-interpreted Brill's ethics? How does this change the way she has been growing and changing herself? How does it change the relationship between the two of them?
5. What do you think about Shelly's insistence that being the first doesn't make someone the best, or the most genuine? Or about Dash's lack of an existential crisis over his own nature? How are each of them their own person?
6. What are the historical causes of the tensions between these planets? Why do you feel it has taken so long for all of this history to come to light? How does this history play into the way Gavin feels about Bo?
7. How do you feel that strong women, such as Mamá and Minda and Bo herself, cooperate in this book rather than compete? How does this change the plot? What role does Chestla have in all of this? Could there have been another way to end the book satisfactorily without this element?
8. Do you think Leron deserved his fate? What about Murry? Are you happy with how things turned out for the other main characters?
9. How did the theme of mercy play into this book? Does it encourage you to show mercy and empathy in your own life?
10. Do you like dark chocolate? Were there any chocolate treats you found yourself eating while reading this book?

