

Book Club Questions for *Fugitive From Asteron* A novel by Gen LaGreca

These questions address issues that unfold in the story and are intended to be read after you finish the novel.

Romance, mystery, and a heroic struggle for freedom unfold in this exotic tale of a young pilot's daring escape from brutal Planet Asteron and his exciting discovery of a new, diametrically opposite world. His life is about to change forever—and with it, the fate of these two planets. *Fugitive From Asteron* is a story of first love, of grit and courage, and of a shocking mystery unfolding. At heart, it's the story of a young man's struggle to heal the wounds of a brutal past, to learn what makes happiness possible, and to claim his own life.

1. Who is Arial? What makes him special? What things were of great personal importance to him on Asteron, a place where no one is supposed to have a personal life?
2. Explain how Arial saved a city. What in his character made him act as he did, knowing he would be punished severely? What does it mean about a society that treats their brightest young people the way Asteron treats Arial? What threat does he pose to the ruler, Feran?
3. What are some of the things that pleasantly shock Arial in his new world: the future Planet Earth? How do his reactions to the things he encounters in his new world teach us to recognize the countless ways in which freedom enhances our lives and to never take it for granted?
4. What do you think of Reevah? Explain the meaning of her tragedy—what does it say about the fate of the best persons on Asteron? How does Reevah show her independence and strength of character in her life and in her final ordeal?
5. What qualities of Kristen inspire you? What draws Arial to her, and her to him? How does Kristen's life and happiness help heal the wounds of Arial's past and open up a whole new world to him?
6. What does the story optimistically predict about the future Planet Earth?
7. What kind of society makes it possible for a person to achieve happiness? What kind of society makes it impossible for a person to achieve happiness? How is that theme portrayed in this story?

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