

DISCUSSION GUIDE



Open the door to a spellbinding world where the wilderness is alive and a deep magic rises from the earth itself.

Eleven-year-old Daisy Thistledown is on the run. Her mother has been keeping big, glittering secrets, and now she has vanished. Daisy knows it's up to her to find Ma—but someone is hunting her across London. Someone determined to stop her from discovering the truth.

So when Daisy flees to safety through a mysterious hidden doorway, she can barely believe her eyes—she has stepped out of the city and into another world.

This is the Greenwild. Bursting with magic and full of amazing natural wonders, it seems too astonishing to be true. But not only is this land of green magic real, it holds the key to finding Daisy's mother.

And someone wants to destroy it.

Daisy must band together with a botanical genius, a boy who can talk with animals, and a cat with an attitude to uncover the truth about who she really is. Only then can she channel the power that will change her whole world . . . and save the Greenwild itself.

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- 1. Daisy travels to the magical Greenwild—a beautiful hidden world filled with rare plants and other natural wonders. If you had to choose what type of secret world you could find, what would it be and why?
- 2. The inhabitants of the Greenwild bring up what people of the Grayside are doing to hurt nature every day, including pollution and logging. What have you noticed around where you live that are examples of this? What could you do to help your community?
- 3. Who do you think was responsible for the missing Botanists and causing havoc in the Greenwild? Was it who you expected?
- 4. Throughout the book, characters are often compared to things in nature, such as bugs and plants. Why do you think the author chose to do this?
- 5. Many of the Botanists of the Greenwild have names related to nature. What would your Botanist name be?
- 6. There are so many interesting and wild plants in the Greenwild, such as the milk-chocolate tree and minim moss. What plant would you like to see in real life?
- 7. If you had a chance to visit the secret garden where Hal and Daisy meet, who would you hope to see?
- 8. Did you figure out who Hal was before the big reveal? Why do you think the author chose to include this character? How did Hal impact Daisy and her growth?
- 9. There are many different types of Botanists—such as Explorers, Healers, and Architects. Which would you want to be if you went to Bloomquist?
- 10. Think about how Daisy changed throughout the story—she has lived multiple different lifestyles, ranging from constantly moving with her mother, to attending a boarding school, to living the life of a Botanist. What do you think Daisy learned from each of these lifestyles and which do you think is the best for her? How do you think she has been changed by each lifestyle?
- 11. Why do you think the author chose the Amazon as the place where many of the Botanists went missing? Why is it so important in the present day?
- 12. How do the Five O'Clock Club, Artemis, and Napoleon impact Daisy's growth as a character, and what does she learn from them?
- 13. Do you think this is really the last time we will see Craven? What are your predictions for the next book?