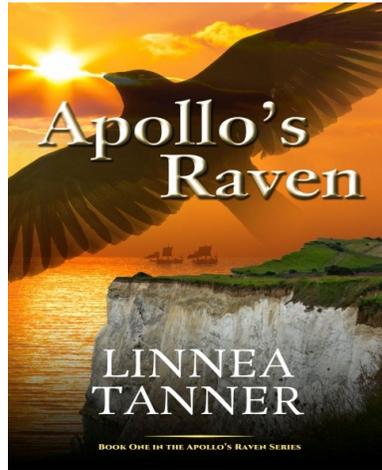


## READER'S GUIDE



Questions about *Apollo's Raven* are provided below to spark further thought or discussion.

### Setting

1. Is the story relevant to you and modern day audiences? If so, how is it relevant and not relevant?
2. What are the similarities and differences between the Roman and the Celtic cultures?

### Characterization

3. Which characters did you like the best and why?
4. Although Catrin and Marcellus were from different cultures and were asked to spy on each other, what led them to trust each other and form a romance?
5. Do you believe Catrin's decision to "burn in the moment with Marcellus rather than live the rest of her life in cold ashes in a loveless marriage" as betrayal to her family and her people?
6. What are the potential dangers of Catrin using the mystical powers of the Ancient Druids?
7. What is Marcellus's greatest fear and how does this impact the decisions he makes as an adolescent and a young man in the story?

8. How does Queen's Rhiannon's past love affair with Trystan impact how she treats Catrin? Was she unduly harsh with Catrin regarding her love for Marcellus?

### **Plot**

9. Was the plot immediately engaging or did it unfold slowly to set-up the political intrigue?
10. Were there any twists and turns that were unexpected, or was the plot formulaic?

### **Symbolism**

11. What did the white raven and black raven symbolize?
12. What did the Apollo's amulet symbolize?
13. What is the religious significance of the skull for the Celts?
14. What is the significance of the Wall of Lives on a person's destiny and the ramifications of changing the future?

### **Theme**

15. What is the overall theme(s) of the story?
16. Was there any scene that profoundly affected you and why?
17. Was the ending satisfying? If not, how would you change it?

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