THE BOOK OF CHUCK
READING GROUP GUIDE

1. "Pa, no go. Him burn." Nannie's vision is the first the reader experiences in *The Book of Chuck*. How does it set the tone for the family's ability? How does this moment shape Nannie?

2. Family relationships are at the heart of this book. In what ways are the characters supported by their families, and in what ways are they harmed by them? Did any character remind you of your own family?

3. Would you want this family's power? What would you do if you could see someone's death with a touch?

4. How does Chuck's premonition about his children dying impact his relationship with Lettie? How does he cope with his foresight?

5. Chuck says that he relates to Odysseus from Homer's epics. What parallels do you see between them? Do the characters in *The Book of Chuck* remind you of any other classic book characters?

6. This novel takes the reader back and forth through different eras of the family's story. How did this storytelling decision impact how you understood the characters?

7. How does Baby wrestle with her ability to see death? How does it shape her relationships with her immediate family? Why do you think Baby is so interested in understanding her lineage?

8. Lettie decides that Baby will be her last baby, and has her tubes tied. Do you understand her decision not to tell Chuck before the procedure?

9. How does infidelity impact Lettie and Chuck, both in terms of their relationship with each other and their relationships with their children?

10. What do you make of Baby's reckoning with Nannie at the end of the book? How does this conversation deepen Baby's understanding of Chuck and her family history?

11. Why do you think this novel is called *The Book of Chuck*?