



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR **A TANGLED MAGIC**

What were your expectations of the book based solely on the cover? Were you surprised? What motifs do you notice?

A Tangled Magic is loosely inspired by various versions of the fairytale “Rapunzel.” What kind of similarities do you see to the version of Rapunzel you know? What kind of differences stood out to you?

The book opens with the epigraph, “Trust is the mother of deceit.” How do you think trust is demonstrated by Netta throughout the book? Who does she instantly trust? Who does she remain suspicious of? Do you always agree with Netta’s opinions about people?

Patrick’s motivations, whether they are solely ambitious or for a greater common good, are questioned by Netta and others throughout the book. Did your opinion of him evolve? Do you think Patrick is justified in doing the things he does?

Baldbeak starts off as Netta’s only friend, but there are further reveals about his role in her life. Does Baldbeak believe he is a loyal friend in his own way? How so?

A central theme of this book is choosing your own destiny. Have you had a pivotal moment in your own life when you’ve had to change course or start fresh?

The Temple is an oppressive and controlling religion that values power over personal freedoms. Do you see any parallels to religions or other institutions in our world?

What form of magic would you choose to wield, if you could? Would you prefer to have an affinity?

Who was your favorite supporting character, and why?

How do you think Netta’s understanding of her mother changes? What was your own opinion of Mother at the beginning of the novel versus by the end?

What do you imagine might happen in a sequel to *A Tangled Magic*? What would you like to see?