

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These suggested questions are to spark conversation and enhance your reading of *An Accident of Dragons*.

1. How would you describe Teddy's connection to Summer the dragon? How does their relationship change throughout the course of the novel?
2. Would you want to live in Summer under the arrangement the island has with its dragon?
3. Early in the book, Teddy seems convinced that many people don't like him or are unhappy about him being Lord Summer. Do you think that assumption is true? How does people's attitudes about Teddy as Lord Summer reflect upon what is acceptable or not in their society?
4. Why do you think Teddy starts an affair with Admiral Rostrum, whom he clearly dislikes? Besides being a bad personal choice, do you think he was treating the admiral poorly as well?
5. Why do you think Teddy has such a hard time connecting with his stepson Brook?

6. From the reminiscences of Teddy's early life, what revelation surprised you the most?
7. Teddy repeatedly asserts that he is not very brave or heroic. Do you agree? Why or why not?
8. How would you characterize Summer the dragon and her interactions with her islanders? What are the benefits or disadvantages does she experience?
9. Zinny relates to Summer and other dragons in different ways than Teddy does. Why do you think that is?
10. Teddy relates several stories about his relationship with Jack and the adventures of their youth. Are there signs that his memory of Jack is seen through rose-colored glasses? Do you think Jack was a good person? Do you think Jack loved Teddy?
11. What do you think is the connection between cats and dragons in this world? Why are the cats always hanging around dragons?
12. What do you think will happen to Sally Hollow-Light and Tom Hollow after the events of this novel?
13. At the end of the book, do you think Teddy will truly be happier now after all his realizations? Why or why not?