



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR *SOLD* BY PATRICIA McCORMICK

1. How does *Sold* raise awareness about the issue of human trafficking? Discuss the various forms of exploitation depicted in the novel and their impact on the characters.
2. Analyze the protagonist, Lakshmi, and her journey throughout the novel. How does she evolve from the beginning of the story to the end? What internal and external obstacles does she face along the way?
3. Explore the cultural and social factors that contribute to Lakshmi's vulnerability to trafficking. How do poverty, gender inequality, and lack of education play a role in her circumstances?
4. Despite the harrowing circumstances she faces, Lakshmi demonstrates resilience and courage throughout the novel. Discuss instances where she exhibits strength in the face of adversity.
5. Trauma is a central theme in *Sold*. How does the novel depict the physical, emotional, and psychological effects of trafficking on Lakshmi and other characters? How do they cope with and attempt to heal from their traumatic experiences?
6. *Sold* is written in free verse, giving voice to Lakshmi's thoughts and experiences. How does this narrative style enhance the storytelling? Discuss the emotional impact and intimacy created through poetry.
7. Education is portrayed as a means of empowerment and liberation in *Sold*. How does Lakshmi's desire for education shape her journey? Discuss the significance of education in breaking the cycle of exploitation and poverty.
8. Despite being a victim of trafficking, Lakshmi seeks agency and autonomy in her life. Discuss how she asserts her agency and makes choices to reclaim control over her destiny.
9. Consider the broader social commentary embedded in *Sold*. How does the novel address issues such as child marriage, gender-based violence, and the commodification of women and girls? In what ways does it challenge readers to confront uncomfortable truths about society?
10. Reflect on the impact of *Sold* as a call to action against human trafficking. How does the novel inspire readers to take action and advocate for the rights of trafficking survivors? Discuss potential ways individuals and communities can support anti-trafficking efforts.

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