

READ GLOBAL BOOK DISCUSSION

The Lost Book of Adana Moreau

by Michael Zapata

Questions

Warm-up: On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate this novel?

1. What were your expectations for the book? Did you think it would end up having sci-fi or fantastical elements?
2. Adana witnessed some terrible things and experienced displacement. What opportunities did she have? How did she turn this into a novel?
3. Maxwell liked to wander as a child, then he was left on his own. Are there choices he or his parents could have made to prevent this?
4. Adana, Benjamin and Saul are all drawn to science fiction. Are there other ways in which they are similar?
5. Many people in the book lived through disastrous changes such as Hurricane Katrina, the Russian Revolution, U.S. occupation of the Dominican Republic and the Great Depression. Did you see any similarities in their lives and stories?
6. Are there any particular quotes or passages you liked?
7. Did you expect Saul and Javier to find Maxwell?
8. Did you suspect the source of the manuscript, or were you surprised? Were you satisfied by the ending?
9. If you got the chance to ask Zapata one question, what would it be?

Wind-down: Did this discussion change your 1-10 rating for this book?

Books that have had a hard time existing

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