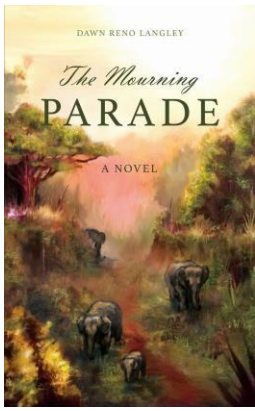


The Mourning Parade

A novel by

Dawn Reno Langley

Reading Group Guide



This reading group guide for THE MOURNING PARADE includes a peek at the inspiration for the book, discussion questions, links to music featured in the book, interesting extras (like recipes!), and a Q&A with author Dawn Reno Langley. The suggested questions are intended to help your reading group find new and interesting angles and topics for your discussion. We hope that these ideas will enrich your conversation and increase your enjoyment of the book.

Book Club Questions

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1. What are your initial reactions to the scope of the story? Is this a recognizable tale?
2. Natalie DeAngelo suffers the worst tragedy in a mother's imagination. She struggles with shock, depression, and anger. What are some of the other emotions that survivors feel?
3. What do you think about Natalie's relationship with Peter Hatcher?
4. Do you think this story is plot-based or character-driven? Why?
5. How do you feel about the way this story was structured? Does the blending of the past and the present work with this story? Why?
6. What passage or bit of dialogue defines a particular character in the story?
7. How do the story's themes resonate with your definition of a self-defined woman?
8. Did the secondary characters add to the story? Why?
9. Was the story's ending a satisfying one for you? Why?
10. Have you read any other books by this author? Would you recommend this one to a friend?

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The Story behind THE MOURNING PARADE:

https://www.goodreads.com/author_blog_posts/14778809-the-mourning-parade-back-story

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THE MOURNING PARADE Playlist. Author's note: Sometimes a story has a soundtrack, of sorts, and with this one, certain songs served to underscore the scene. I strongly believe music is the most profound trigger for memories, and with PTSD survivors, those musical moments are sometimes the most calming and grounding when in the midst of a full-blown meltdown. I also think that a person's musical tastes tell you more about them than they'd ever share.

The Eagles, "I Love to Watch a Woman Dance": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjYkLJmTKEQ>

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWv72L4wgCc>

"Don Giovanni," featuring Renee Fleming:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrTgxcl305k>

Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGARGVFiu-M>

"Michelle," The Beatles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrRLH-ZGZEs>

"My Funny Valentine": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eryKY1fhUlo>

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EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

Thai Recipes from the pages of THE MOURNING PARADE

Kway tiew nahm sai: <http://www.angsarap.net/2012/10/19/kway-tiew-nahm-sai-clear-noodle-soup/>

Larb gai: <https://www.thespruce.com/larb-gai-thai-salad-3217680>

Thai chicken fried rice: <http://www.recipetineats.com/thai-chicken-fried-rice/>

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Images of Thailand

Visit my Pinterest page for spectacular views of the beautiful Thailand countryside:
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Q&A with Dawn Reno Langley on Goodreads:
https://www.goodreads.com/author/713705.Dawn_Reno_Langley/questions