



1. What was your reaction to Mandak's initial proposal that he would help Teresa escape to a new life and control her gift in exchange for unspecified "future services"? What would you have done in her position? Would you have accepted?
2. Throughout the course of the novel we see the relationship between Allie and Mandak develop and change. What would you consider the key moment in the forging of the bond between them? How do the dynamics of their relationship change as the story progresses? In what ways do the dynamics stay the same?
3. How did Allie's childhood experiences prepare her to deal with Praland?
4. What did Allie learn from her time with Lee and Natalie? How did it prepare her for the events to follow?
5. In your opinion, what was the turning point that marked Allie's full committal to helping the Devanez family recover the ledger?
6. On page 272, Mandak tells Allie, "You've been hiding your head in the sand for too long." What does he mean by this?
7. Did you have any guesses as to where the ledger was being hidden? When the location was revealed, how did you think they would retrieve it?
8. How does Allie's opinion of her ability to read memories change throughout the novel? Which characters and events influence her opinion? How so?
9. Explain the importance of trust and love in Teresa's development as a character.
10. Were you surprised by the way the novel ended? Did you have any theories as to what would be in store for Allie and Mandak? If so, did your theories change as the events unfolded?

## *Discussion Questions*

