



DELILAH DIRK AND THE TURKISH LIEUTENANT READING GROUP GUIDE



About the Book:

Lovable ne'er-do-well Delilah Dirk is an Indiana Jones for the 19th century. She has traveled to Japan, Indonesia, France, and even the New World. Using the skills she's picked up on the way, Delilah's adventures continue as she plots to rob a rich and corrupt Sultan in Constantinople. With the aid of her flying boat and her newfound friend, Selim, she evades the Sultan's guards, leaves angry pirates in the dust, and fights her way through the countryside. For Delilah, one adventure leads to the next in this thrilling and funny installment in her exciting life.

For Discussion:

Delilah Dirk and the Turkish Lieutenant is a graphic novel, a story told in words and pictures. How do you think this story would be told differently if it was a novel, with only words? How would it be different if it was a movie, with just pictures?

Were you able to guess what the book was about from the cover? Do you think the cover reflects the content and the Delilah and Selim we see in the graphic novel?

Delilah leaves behind her life of privilege as a member of three royal courts and Selim comes to leave the quiet village life he always thought he wanted. Why do you think they take these alternate life paths? What does it offer to them that their old lives did not?

What was Selim's day dream on page 61 all about? Why do you think he has it and that it ends in the way that it does? How does this dream influence what Selim actually comes to do?

There's lots of action, fighting, danger, explosions, running away from peril, and other craziness that occurs. Would you choose a life like the one Delilah and Selim lead? Why or why not?

How does Selim change over the course of the story? Would you say he changes for the better? Do you think he comes to prove himself as a self-sufficient and less clumsy type of guy by the end of the story?

Delilah and Selim are unlikely friends. How do you think it's possible that these two are friends?

Do you see any similarities between the character Delilah Dirk and the figure of Robin Hood? If so, how are the two similar?

Having followed Delilah and Selim through a few wild adventures, what do you think is next in store for the two? What thrilling future adventures do you imagine they will have?

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