

DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR DANCING THROUGH A DELUGE

1. Describe your reaction when you finally got something that you have always wanted. Was it different

than the reaction you thought you would have?

- 2. Discuss the desires of each character and what they realized when they got what they wanted.
  - a. MT wanted room for her ideas and leadership skills, only to discover that it's lonely at the top.
  - b. Claudia wanted a child but became insatiable and willing to do almost anything to get one.
  - c. Simon wanted absolution by the ghost of the soldier boy, but the torment had consumed so much of his life that the void was more terrifying than the torment. He refused what he wanted.
  - d. Merek wanted skills that had been kept from him but realized that he had spent a lifetime on his anger and pride instead of learning the simple tasks.
  - e. Gertrude wanted to cook for royalty but discovered that other people matter as much.
- 3. Whose struggle can you identify with most?

- 4. Compare the quiet in the world after the first wave of the plague and what you experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic of 2020.
- 5. Did you know anything about rabbit farming before reading the book? Baking in the Medieval world?

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