

Book Club Discussion Guide for Empty Promises

📖 Do you agree with Abigail's assessment that it was irresponsible of Seamus to leave his charge alone at his camp in the woods, or does the blame reside with Jason/Elliott, who deliberately broke the rules Seamus had stipulated?

📖 Seamus likes to use logic to solve problems and assign responsibility. Do you agree with his assessment that he is to blame for at least one death in the novel? Why or why not?

📖 Many mystery/suspense/thrillers begin with the world out of balance, and by the end balance is (mostly) restored. Justice has not been served in *Empty Promises*. Why do you think the author chose to go against the norm?

📖 *Empty Promises* introduces readers to the next generation of McCrees. Is Megan just a cute little girl, or does she have a larger purpose in this story?

📖 How do the Happy Reaper and Seamus represent each other's shadow side?

📖 Seamus is an observer of nature and a birdwatcher. What role do birds play in *Empty Promises*?

📖 Which character would you like to invite out for lunch and why? And if you choose Owen Lyndstrom, where is he?

📖 In what ways do you think *Empty Promises* reveals the author's worldview?

📖 What theme(s) did the author emphasize?

📖 The Happy Reaper and Seamus have crossed paths twice (the first time in *Ant Farm*). What do you predict will happen in *False Bottom* (Seamus McCree #6) when they meet for the third time?