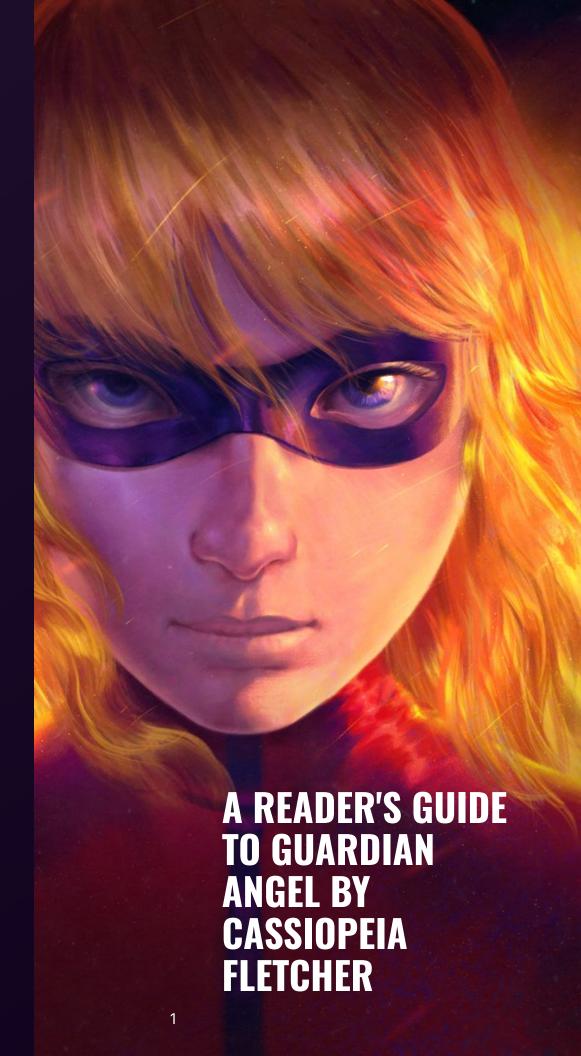
ONER HERO



THEME OVERVIEW



This guide explores the question: What does it truly mean to be a hero? Is it about bravery, sacrifice, or something deeper—like compassion, resilience, or standing up for what's right? Drawing from the characters and events in *Guardian Angel*, participants will consider multiple dimensions of heroism.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

DEFINING HEROISM

- How is heroism portrayed in the book?
- Do the main characters see themselves as heroes? Why or why not?
- How does the story challenge traditional ideas of heroism?

ORDINARY VS. EXTRAORDINARY

- Which characters demonstrate everyday heroism?
- Do you think being a hero always involves grand gestures, or can small acts count, too?
- Was there a moment when a character showed courage in an unexpected way?

SACRIFICE AND RISK

- Which characters take the greatest risks? Are these sacrifices acknowledged?
- How does the idea of selflessness play into the actions of different characters?
- Do all heroic acts in the story involve some form of loss?

MOTIVATION AND MORALITY

- What motivates the characters to act heroically?
- Are there moments when doing the "right thing" isn't so clear-cut?
- Do any characters act heroically without expecting recognition or reward?

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CONTEXT

- How do the characters' backgrounds, communities, or cultures influence their idea of heroism?
- Is heroism portrayed differently depending on a character's identity or societal role?

KEY PASSAGES TO REFLECT ON CHOOSE AND READ ALOUD PASSAGES THAT REFLECT:

- Moments of internal conflict before a heroic decision
- Acts of kindness that change the course of events
- Characters reflecting on their own or others' bravery Activities

SHARED ACTIVITIES

- Hero's Map: Have each member create a visual "map" of a character's journey, highlighting key decisions and how they reflect the theme of heroism.
- Unsung Hero Letters: Write a letter from one character to another, acknowledging their unseen or underappreciated bravery.
- Modern Hero Connections: Invite participants to share stories (from real life or media) of people they consider heroes and connect those examples to the book.



FINAL REFLECTION



- How has your definition of a hero changed after reading this book?
- Who are the heroes in your own life, and why?
- What might it look like to practice "heroism" in everyday life?