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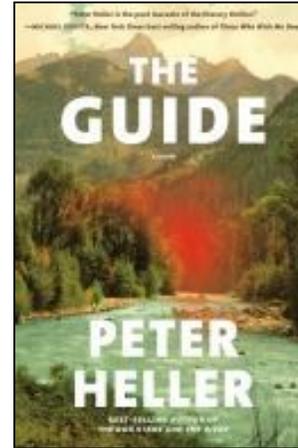
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Book Club Kit

The Guide by Peter Heller



From the Publisher

The best-selling author of *The River* returns with a heart-racing thriller about a young man who is hired by an elite fishing lodge in Colorado, where he uncovers a plot of shocking menace amid the natural beauty of sun-drenched streams and forests. Kingfisher Lodge, nestled in a canyon on a mile and a half of the most pristine river water on the planet, is known by locals as “Billionaire’s Mile” and is locked behind a heavy gate.

Sandwiched between barbed wire and a meadow with a sign that reads “Don’t Get Shot!” the resort boasts boutique fishing at its finest. Safe from viruses that have plagued America for years, Kingfisher offers a respite for wealthy clients. Now it also promises a second chance for Jack, a return to normalcy after a young life filled with loss. When he is assigned to guide a well-known singer, his only job is to rig her line, carry her gear, and steer her to the best trout he can find. But then a human scream pierces the night, and Jack soon realizes that this idyllic fishing lodge may be merely a cover for a far more sinister operation. A novel as gripping as it is lyrical, as frightening as it is moving, *The Guide* is another masterpiece from Peter Heller.



Discussion Topics

1. Did you get a feel or idea of who Jack was at the beginning of the book? Did you wonder why he was at the lodge? At what point were you surprised about what was going on?
2. Heller's writing style captures the quietness of nature and the rhythm of fly fishing—moving with nature. Share your nature experiences, the sounds, the unexpected, the water.
3. What was going on with the camera? Discuss the clues Heller added at the beginning of the book and did you think the scream was an Owl?
4. Discuss Alison K who is independent, loves nature, a beautiful singer and knows her way around mountains. Why doesn't Alison leave the cabin?
5. Re-read the "Winter Brook" poem by Li Xue on p.180 and discuss the nature, musical sounds and connections with the characters in the book.
6. At what point in the story did you feel nervous for Jack? Discuss the relationship between his family Alison K and his best friend Wynn. How is grief handled?
7. What did you see happening at the end? Do you think Alison and Jack see each other again?



Peter Heller
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Author Biography

Peter Heller is the best-selling author of *The Guide*, *The River*, *Celine*, *The Painter*, and *The Dog Stars*, which has been published in twenty-two languages. Heller is also the author of four nonfiction books, including *Kook: What Surfing Taught Me About Love, Life, and Catching the Perfect Wave*, which was awarded the National Outdoor Book Award. He holds an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop in poetry and fiction and lives in Denver, Colorado.
