



DISCUSSION GUIDE

A Whisper of Freedom

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Chronicles of the Spanish Civil War, Book 3

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1. What did you like most about this story?
2. Who was your favorite character? Why?
3. As the story opens, Sophie is concerned about Michael's wound. What does Sophie's unceasing care for Michael (despite his repeated betrayals) indicate?
4. In what ways was God at work in Walt's life? Why do you think it took Walt so long to "see" the hand of God at work? Is this common to human nature?
5. Phillip sees something of himself in Michael ... a darker side, the side of human nature that could—and possibly would—do anything thing to protect what we value/love. How did Phillip respond to this knowledge?
6. In what ways do Sophie's spirit, strength and trust unknowingly display the power of Christ to Walt?
7. When Deion is assigned to the German International Brigade, he discovers that maybe not all Germans are the enemy. Instead he found that he and the German soldiers had quite a bit in common. How did Deion's character change with this knowledge?
8. In this book, the final chapter in the *Chronicles of the Spanish Civil War*, the reader is finally allowed to see who the real Michael is and the motivations behind his actions. Does understanding Michael's background make you feel more sympathetic towards Michael? If yes, how so?
9. Walt, Phillip, and Sophie triumphed against what appeared to be insurmountable odds. What surprised you most about the ending of this book?

10. How does Sophie's faith mature throughout the story?
11. Ramona says that Petra has been Jose's guardian angel. In what ways was this true? How did Petra's presence help Jose?
12. Discuss the ways that love has been a reoccurring theme throughout this novel. How have characters' ideas of love changed/grown?
13. Discuss Michael's transformation. Discuss Walt's transformation. What are the similarities, the differences?
14. Besides wealth, what else does the gold represent? What does it symbolize?
15. Discuss the trade Walt makes. What motivates him? How do you know?
16. Who is the prisoner in the cell next to Walt?
17. Imagine what happened after the last page. Do you think Michael met them with the gold? Discuss the how the characters were forced to trust what seemed untrustworthy.
18. Finally, discuss the treasure(s) Sophie sailed away with at the end of the book.

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