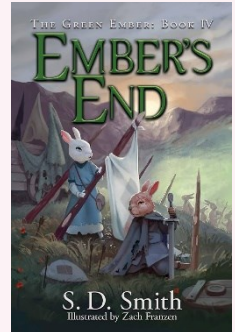




## GIRL'S BOOK CLUB GUIDE

# EMBER'S END

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"I will fight beside you... I will fly beside you... I will die beside you!"

### GENRE

Children's Fiction

Fantasy

Series

### THEMES

Sacrifice

Trust

Good vs. Evil

Storytelling

Hope

Healing

Redemption

Restoration

### CHARACTERS ON THE FORBIDDEN ISLAND

#### Heather Longtreader

Heather is a gifted healer and storyteller and is known as *The Scribe of the Cause*. After being stabbed by her Uncle Garten and left for dead on Forbidden Island, Heather must choose between a life with her beloved, Prince Smalls, or self-sacrifice for the good of all Rabbitkind and the dream of the Mended Wood.

#### Prince Jupiter Smalls

Jupiter Smalls, the rightful heir of Natalia, is a brave, loyal and courageous rabbit.

## *The Dragon Prince/ The Keeper*

The Dragon Prince is a dragon whose title is self-claimed; he is a wicked imposter. Posing as 'The Keeper' – a sole Dragon on Forbidden Island whose job is to nurture the dragon eggs, keep conference with the Rabbit Kings of Natalia, and raise the next Keeper – this imposter has killed the rightful Keeper and broken the treaty with rabbit kind, his intent to maliciously kill and rule over Natalia.

## **CHARACTERS IN FIRST WARREN**

### *Picket Longtreader*

Picket's heroic deeds while fighting wolves and birds of prey have earned him the name of "Picket Packslayer". Picket is willing to do whatever it takes to fight for the goodness, truth, and beauty of the Mended Wood; including giving up his life.

### *Captain Helmer*

Helmer is a Captain of Princess Emma's army, a war hero, and a mentor to Picket. He is brave against his foes, and while he seems fearless, he greatly fears those he loves being harmed or killed by the enemy. The protection of his beloved friends and family spurs him on, even though he believes the cause will likely fail.

### *Princess Emma*

Emma is the heir of Natalia since Smalls is still believed to be dead. Emma is a courageous leader, who fiercely and fearlessly leads the rabbits. While a wonderland and selfless leader, her heart desires to heal; she would not have chosen leadership given the choice but would prefer life as a humble doctor.

### *Prince Kylene (Kyle)*

Prince Kylene is the heir of Terralain. He is stubborn and refuses to join forces with Emma and the other Natalia rabbits against Morbin because he believes Picket to be responsible for his father's death.

### *Jo Shanks*

Jo Shanks is an expert Archer and trusted friend of Pickets and Princess Emma. His courageous shot which took down two Prey Lords at once, makes him a hero among Natalia's rabbits.

## CHARACTERS IN AKOLAN

### *The Tunneler*

The Tunneler is the title for the rabbit who has the extraordinary job of preparing the way for the “final protocol”; the escape and liberation of the Akolan rabbits. This title is passed from rabbit to rabbit, each with the responsibility of keeping secret the rescue plan. In *Embers End*, Whittle, Heather and Picket’s father, is the tunneler.

### *Garten Longtreader*

Garten is Wilfred’s brother, and Heather and Picket’s uncle. He is a traitor who betrayed his brothers and King Jupiter which resulted in King Jupiter’s death at the claws of Morbin. He is the leader of the ‘Longtreaders’ of Akolan.

### *Morbin Blackhawk*

Morbin is the king of the Lords of Prey. He is evil and desires complete dominance over the land of Natalia.

## STORYLINE

After the dramatic battle for First Warren is won, the Natalia rabbits are preparing for the final battle. This battle will lead to the triumph conclusion and fulfilment of the Mended Wood, or if the rabbits fail, desolation, destruction and death by succumbing to the Prey Lords' wicked rule. These courageous rabbits are surrounded by enemies. At every turn there are wolves, Prey Lords, and traitor rabbits; but as we follow the perspectives of Picket and Jo Shanks, we discover just how much courage these rabbits possess.

Simultaneously, on Forbidden Mountain Heather and Smalls have encountered the Dragons. With so many questions, and an uncertainty over whether or not these vicious-looking creatures can be trusted, Heather and Smalls must choose between saving Rabbitkind or their love and a future together.

This is a story about vision, a brighter future, survival and sacrifice. In this stunning, heart-wrenching, and battle-ready conclusion of this brilliant series, the rabbit friends we’ve made give their all for the Mended Wood; they lay down their lives for one another, fight fiercely, and never give up.

# 1 QUESTION ONE

What was your favourite part of *Ember's End*? Were you satisfied with the ending of the series?

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# 2 QUESTION TWO

Heather, the Scribe of the Cause, and Smalls with his starsword, enter the final battle with the Dragons believing it to be their final tale. Did you predict Smalls had always been alive? How did you feel when you thought Heather and Smalls would perish sacrificing themselves?

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# 3 QUESTION THREE

Did you trust the Keeper? Did you notice any foreshadowing (a warning or indication) that the Dragons were not to be trusted?

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\*To read more about the history of the Dragons in Natalia, read 'The Tales of Old Natalia' series.

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## 5 QUESTION FIVE

The Pilgrim has a confident yet humble serenity about him, and to those who meet him, he feels like an old friend. Why might this be? Who do you think he is? Would you like to know more about his backstory?

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## 6 QUESTION SIX

Which character from the Green Ember series inspired you the most? Was there a decision made or moment throughout the story when you thought that they were especially brave, selfless or kind?

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