## EPIC READS Book Club Guide

## A NEED SO BEAUTIFUL

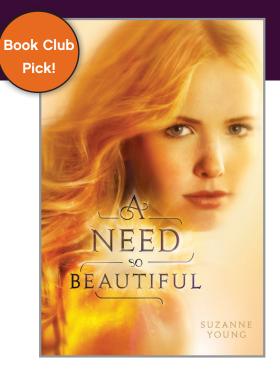
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## **ABOUT THE BOOK**

Charlotte Cassidy is changing. As she tries to hide the transformation from everyone around her, only she knows what's really happening. She is one of the Forgotten—a type of angel on earth compelled to help people, usually strangers. But as she continues to fulfill the destiny she can't stop, she finds that her very existence is being erased from the memories of anyone she's ever touched. Though she wants to stay with her boyfriend, her best friend, and her family, she can't ignore the Need. And as everyone important in Charlotte's life begins to forget her, she has to decide if she'll fight the Need in order to remain herself—no matter how dark the consequences.



- 1. When Charlotte discovers she's destined to become forgotten, she resolves to "keep building memories with people I care about, people who love me. It's the only thing that'll keep me real" (p. 156). What do you think makes a person real? Is it other people, or something internal?
- 2. Charlotte hates that the Need makes her ignore her friends and boyfriend in order to serve a "higher purpose" (p. 184). How do you strike a balance between personal interests and working for a greater good?
- 3. In addition to not being able to control the Need, Charlotte did not choose to become a Forgotten. Instead, Monroe describes it as Charlotte's "destiny" (p. 65). How does destiny complicate the notions of personal choice and having a purpose in life?
- 4. As the gold on Charlotte's skin becomes more prevalent, she is afraid to show physical affection toward Harlin. How does this physical distance affect their relationship? What gets Harlin and Charlotte through their relationship's struggles?
- 5. Does Monroe always act in Charlotte's best interest, or does he act out of self-preservation? Is he ever selfish in the way he treats Charlotte?



- 6. Monroe tells Charlotte that, because he loves her, he had hoped she wouldn't fall in love with a boy. If she hadn't, he says, "It would have been easier. It wouldn't hurt this much" (p. 202). Is Monroe showing love by having wanted this for Charlotte?
- 7. Onika promises that it's "easy" to follow her, to be immortal instead of giving in to the light, and Charlotte responds that it sounds "too easy" (p. 255). What do you think she means?
- 8. Why do you think the ideas of performing good deeds and being forgotten are linked?
- 9. In order to give in to the light, Charlotte must jump from a bridge. Do you find any significance in this physical action? Why or why not?
- 10. What is Charlotte's experience with Warren, and why do you think it convinces Charlotte that there is an afterlife?
- 11. When Charlotte sits with Warren, she feels a "love that's beyond me" (p. 232). How is this feeling different from the love she feels for Harlin or Sarah? Is one stronger than the other?