RePHleXions

Book Club Discussion Guide

Note: This novel contains mature themes and explicit content. Recommended for adult book clubs (18+).

Facilitator Note

Before beginning discussions, acknowledge the book's mature content and establish guidelines for respectful conversation about sensitive topics.

Content Advisory

This book contains:

- Explicit intimate scenes
- Complex relationship dynamics
- Mature themes and situations
- Sexual content involving multiple partners

Key Themes for Discussion

1. Technology & Society
- RePHleX's system as mirror of current trends
- Parallels between Echosfear and social media
- Technology's influence on reality perception

2. Art & Authenticity
- Aria's analog art vs. Kaidan's AI-assisted music
- Art as resistance in the digital age
- Defining authentic creation

3. Modern Relationships
- Technology's impact on intimacy
- Online vs. offline connections
- Trust in digital mediation

4. Personal Freedom vs. Convenience
- Technological convenience trade-offs
- Character definitions of freedom
- Role of conscious disconnection

Character Analysis

1. Aria & Kaidan
- Opposing views on technology
- Relationship development
- Personal growth and compromise

2. Tallis & Eryx
- Impact of betrayal
- Trust in digital age
- Cost of resistance

3. Supporting Characters
- Community role in resistance
- Technology perspectives
- Impact on main character arcs

Deeper Themes

1. Control & Resistance
- Forms of digital control
- Methods of resistance
- Personal vs. collective action

2. Identity & Authenticity
- Digital vs. real-world identity
- Privacy's role
- Authentic expression

Discussion Questions

Technology & Society
- How has technology shaped your relationships?
- What parallels exist with current trends?
- How do you balance convenience and privacy?

Relationships & Connection
- How do characters navigate intimacy in surveillance?
- What role does trust play?
- How does physical distance affect digital connections?

Personal Choice
- What motivates disconnection?
- How are consequences handled?
- What price is paid for authenticity?

Book Club Activities

1. Meeting Format Options
- In-person discussion (recommended)
- Hybrid meeting options
- Technology-free gathering space

2. Discussion Activities
- Compare technology habits
- Share disconnection experiences
- Explore local analog spaces

3. Group Exercises
- Pre-discussion digital detox
- Analog art creation
- "Disconnected" space visits

Facilitator Guidelines
1. Set clear content expectations
2. Establish discussion boundaries
3. Respect comfort levels
4. Focus on broader themes
5. Redirect sensitive discussions

Recommended Setting
- Coffee shop environment
- Analog brewing methods
- Screen-free setup

Note: Adapt this guide based on your group's comfort level with mature content and preferred discussion style.