

Vicomte – The League of the Quadrumvirate

Book Discussion Questions

Early Questions, Thought Starters:

What did you think about the way Vicomte started? What kind of things drive your interest when starting a book?

The author's tag line for this novel is: Imagine the American Sniper tracking a high priority target during the French Revolution. Does it spur your interest? Do you think it describes what you've read so far? Consider it again when you've finished the novel.

What made you decide to read this book (or what made you hesitant to read it)?

Does the book's cover (colors, imagery, etc.) create interest? What about the avatar?

What do you know about 18th century France? Do you know what the proletariat and bourgeoisie were? Your thoughts on class structure in society.

Intermediate Thought Starters

Can children be trained at early ages to do difficult tasks? Would you ever think of doing so with your children?

Did it seem real that Jacques would so severely distance himself from his sons? If so, why would that happen?

How severe can a person's reaction be when they lose someone they love? Does it matter at what age the loss happens? Does what the relationship was (spouse, parent, sibling, etc.) matter?

Do you think Guillaume, at ~13 -14 years of age could really have killed and tortured others?

What's a stoic? Was Jacques a stoic? What about Guillaume?

Which of the characters in this historical fiction novel were actual people who lived during that time?

Was None're a good character? Why or why not?

Is the Butcher a good villain? What makes a good nemesis? What do you think about the relationship between the Butcher and Robespierre?

Which character, Guillaume, Maurice, Gabin, or Ernest would you like your children to be most like?

How important was Henri to the overall story? Why? What did he represent to you?

What was Gabin's most interesting trait?

Did anything in the hunting scenes (animal and human) offend you? If so what and why?

Did the Marsow's seem real?

Who was Robespierre? Was he truly as vicious as portrayed in this novel? In your opinion what do the rights-of-man really mean?

What happened to Geoffroy?

Ending Thought Starters

Did you ever consider not reading the entire book? Did anything in the book make you want to throw it across the room?

What did the author do well or not so well?

What book would you recommend for someone who loved (or hated!) this book?

Who would you cast as the main characters if this novel were made into a movie?

Did you read the book or listen to the audio version? If audio, was the voice actor convincing?

Did you wish this book was longer or shorter?

How would you rate this book (1 to 5, with 5 being the best)?

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