

Discussion Questions for

WINTER'S RECKONING

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1. How does this novel portray health care? How is health care different today, or not?
2. This novel depicts different kinds of faiths or belief systems. Discuss.
3. In this story, Maddie fights against misogyny and racism. What do you think makes Maddie so strong? How has the battle against misogyny and racism changed today, or has it?
4. Why is the snowstorm important to the story?
5. Is this a Gothic novel?
6. Do you think Maddie's age affects how she is perceived? Is she considered an elder, a crone, or both? Would the reception to her have been different if her deceased husband had not been so powerful in the town?
7. This novel shows different kinds of families. How important are families to the main characters in this novel?
8. Hannah sees Maddie at her weakest moment. What effect does this have on Hannah?
9. Maddie and Ren see each other as equals, save for one moment, when Maddie is worried for Ren. Why does this upset Ren? What allows them to heal their relationship?
10. Who would play these characters in a movie?



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