

Burning Lies

Book 3 of The Gift Legacy

Discussion Questions

Spoiler alert: These questions contain spoilers that will ruin the story for those who haven't yet read the book.

1. Jolene Reynolds's motives for gifting Emelynn Taylor are not definitively known, but Mason Reynolds believes his sister's motive was her own suicide. Is Mason's assumption reasonable? Why do you believe Jolene gifted Emelynn?
2. Mason Reynolds's mother is a stroke victim and rarely present in scenes with her son or husband. Do you think the author intentionally closeted her away, or might there be other factors at play? What might those factors be?
3. Ghosting is a skill Emelynn learns in *Burning Lies*. Is it a skill you wish you had? When would you use it? Are there circumstances where using it would be detrimental? Why?
4. Emelynn has had suitors from both of her worlds, Cheney and Dean from the normal contenders and Jackson and James from the Flier contenders. If you were her, which one would you pick, and why?
5. Emelynn rebels when she feels she's being controlled: against the gift itself, against the Fliers who taught her how to fly, against detective Coulter, and against the Reynoldses. Is she justified in her rebellion? Are there times in a free society when controlling measures are justified?
6. Mason confesses to having failed his sister which resulted in her disappearance and ultimate death. Do you believe his explanation? Why or why not?
7. If you were casting Mason's role in a motion picture, who would you choose?
8. When Emelynn discovers one of her kidnappers at Cairabrae, we see a side of her we've never seen before, a side with no compassion and a willingness to inflict pain and even death. Is her reaction realistic? Is this a turning point for her? Can you imagine a scenario where you might take the same actions?
9. Do you think Carson Manse's Redeemers had justification for their rebellion?
10. The authorities covered up what happened at Cairabrae. Do you think this has ever, or would ever occur in the real world?
11. If you could ask the author one question, what would it be? Would your organization or group like to arrange an author appearance in person or online? If so, please contact the author at jpmclean@jpmcleanauthor.com.