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1. Shayndel was overcome by the weight of what she had lost. How do memories of loss keep a person going?
2. What is the significance of the book's title? How can it be interpreted?
3. How do food and celebration play an important role in the novel?
4. How do Tirzah and Bryce's similarities and differences influence their relationship?
5. Zorah reflects that creation is the opposite of destruction. How does this idea shape the novel?
6. How do the characters' strengths and weaknesses influence each other?
7. Secrets shape many women's lives in the camp. How do secrets affect each character?
8. How does identity impact the characters' choices and relationships?
9. What does Tedi's keen sense of smell symbolize?
10. How do the characters find common ground despite impossible circumstances?
11. Compare Leonie's wartime experiences with others. How do internal and external horrors differ?
12. How did you feel about Lotte's story? Did the ending surprise you?
13. What did you think of the epilogue? Was it satisfying?
14. How does Day After Night compare to other WWII novels you've read?
15. Which passages stood out to you, and which were difficult to read?