

## Book Club Discussion Questions

### Ward D

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1. How does the author establish a sense of foreboding and suspense in the story? Discuss specific instances or techniques used.
2. Amy Brenner has specific reasons for not wanting to work on Ward D. How do these reasons contribute to the tension in the plot?
3. Explore the theme of trust in the book. How does Amy's perception of the patients and staff on Ward D change throughout the story?
4. The disappearances of both patients and staff contribute to the growing danger in the story. What are the potential explanations for these disappearances throughout the book, and how do they affect the suspense in the narrative?
5. Discuss the portrayal of mental health and psychiatric wards in the book. How does the author handle this sensitive topic, and what impact does it have on the overall story?
6. How does the book explore the theme of claustrophobia and confinement? How does this add to the overall tension in the story?
7. Consider the character development of Amy Brenner throughout the book. How does her initial reluctance and fear transform as she faces the dangers on Ward D?
8. Discuss the role of secondary characters in the story. How do they contribute to the plot and Amy's experiences on the psychiatric ward?
9. The setting of a locked psychiatric ward provides a unique backdrop for the story. How does the author use the setting to create a sense of isolation and fear?

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