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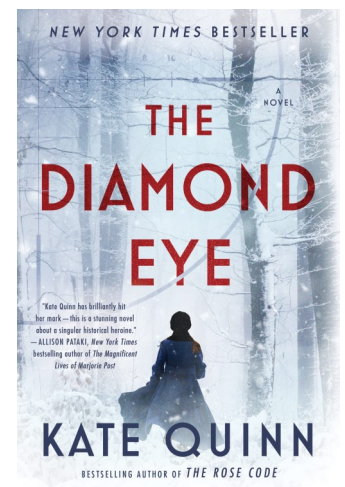


## The Diamond Eye

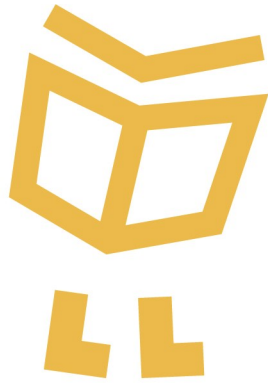
Kate Quinn

### Discussion Questions

1. Have you read a Kate Quinn novel before? How did *The Diamond Eye* compare?
2. What did you love about the novel? What would you have changed?
3. The book switched between two timelines and was interspersed with journal entries from the First Lady. Did you like this format, or would you have preferred to learn the events in chronological order?
4. Mila's son, Slavka, plays a big role in the book despite appearing very little. Discuss Mila's role as a mother and how this played into her decision to enlist.
5. Mila faces a lot of sexism during her time as a sharpshooter. Discuss how gender and sex play a role in the book.
6. Mila has significant relationships with three men in the novel: Alexei, Lyonya, and Kostia. Discuss each one and how they shaped her throughout the book.
7. Discuss the marksman. Who do you think he was? Were you expecting what happened?
8. Mila is betrayed by someone in a twist at the end of the book. Did you see this coming? Do you think this added to the plot?
9. What did you think of Mila's friendship with the First Lady?
10. Had you heard of Mila or "Lady Death" prior to this novel?



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