

Reading Guide:
Garden of Last Hope

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Is Gwen's anxiety about Aidan's move understandable or is it a function of something deeper for Gwen?

Gwen wants to go back to the Otherworld initially, despite her trials in *Mark of the Breenan*. What do you think draws her back?

Who or what do you think is responsible for the destruction of Isolde's realm?

Why does Gwen feel so responsible for the realm? Is she justified?

What is your favorite character and why?

How do Faolan, ruler of the Wintertree realm, and Isolde, ruler of the Velvet Woods, differ in their ruling styles? What are your opinions of each?

Loniel tells Gwen at the end of the book that she may have the chance to take over rule of the Velvet Woods in Isolde's place. Is Gwen suited for the job?

The Breenan use plants to "write" messages. What do you think your garden says? What type of plant would you want to represent you?