

Poison Study by Maria V. Snyder Book Club (updated 10-2021)

1. What do you think of the first person narration?
2. What do you think of the descriptions in the book?
3. Would you take the position as food taster if you were Yelena?
4. What do you think of Yelena?
5. What do you think of Valek?
6. How do your opinions change over the course of the book?
7. What do you think of the way of keeping the food tasters from running away or committing treason?
8. What do you think of the Commander's Code of Conduct where every crime has the same punishment with no extenuating circumstances or special rules for different classes?
9. Would you want to live in Ixia under the Commander or under the monarchy?
10. How do Yelena's memories affect the story?
11. What do you think of the training for the poison taster?
12. Who is your favorite character and why?
13. Who is your least favorite character and why?
14. How does Yelena's continued existence affect the politics of Ixia?
15. What imagery from the book sticks with you the most? (mine is the rats)
16. Would you be willing to act the part of the fugitive?
17. Why do you think a Southern magician targeted Yelena?
18. Was climbing through the trees a good idea to hide as the fugitive?
19. What do you think of the library where Yelena researches the pods?
20. What does the Criollo sound like to you? When you were reading about the Criollo factory was anyone else singing the Chocolate World song?
21. Do you think the ghost of Reyard is real or simply a manifestation of Yelena's mind?
22. What do you think of the politics and double crosses in the book?
23. Are you impressed with Yelena's skills?
24. How important is friendship in making a person whole? How does this play out in the book?
25. Did you realize the Commander's secret before the actual reveal?
26. Did you think that Valek and Yelena would fall in love? What do you think of the pairing?
27. What did you think of the ending?
28. Did you like the book?
29. Did it make you want to read more in the series?