

## Iron and Blood Book Club

1. What do you think of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person narration?
2. Is there any one character that really stands out for the book to have been from their perspective?
3. The book begins with a carriage chase after Rick, Jake and Nikki retrieve an object, is this a good beginning for this book?
4. What do you think of the family business of acquiring things with a difficult provenance?
5. What do you think of the airship as the first signifier of steam punk?
6. What do you think of Cullan, the airship captain, would you rather read a book about him?
7. Does it feel like the book adds too many characters and jumps around a little too much?
8. Do you feel like Jake and Rick should be a couple?
9. Are the descriptions of New Pittsburgh cool?
10. What do you think of the Night Hag as a villain?
11. How does having a character like Andreas who is a vampire witch affect the story?
12. What do you think of tourmaquartez does it seem like a magical/scientific trope?
13. Who is your favorite character?
14. Did you really bond with any specific character?
15. What do you think of the gun fight at Jake's dad's funeral?
16. Would Adam, the inventor, also have made a good hero for a book?
17. Were there too many villains?
18. Were the clockwork zombies a necessary addition?
19. Are the gessayan too broad of a catch all for the scary stuff that lives underground in the deepest mine areas?
20. Does it seem like the Desmet family gets attacked a lot but always prevails?
21. What do you think of the saboteurs being caught because union men assumed they were scabs?
22. Did it make sense that Jasinski killed himself rather than telling Veles and Thwaites what he knew?
23. Does it seem convenient that Drostan can talk to ghost for the purpose of exposition?
24. Would you want to go to a reception at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh?
25. What did you think of the Vesta Nine coal mine and the sense of place in the book?
26. Did you expect Rick and Jake and crew to win?
27. Do you think people would really ignore the supernatural stuff?
28. Did you like the book?
29. Would you read more in the series?