

## Deadly Education by Naomi Novik Book Club

1. What do you think of the 1<sup>st</sup> person narration?
2. In the first sentence El states Orion needed to die after the second time he saved her life, how does this introduction shape your perception of El?
3. Do you like El?
4. In the first chapter El describes her attempts to clean up the aftermath of Orion Lake's destruction of the soul eater, what does this show you about the Scholomance?
5. What do you think of Orion Lake?
6. What do you think of the world building of the Scholomance?
7. Would you want to attend the Scholomance?
8. Do the classes sound difficult?
9. How do you think school works without any instructional staff?
10. Why do you think parents would send their children to a school where less than 25% make it alive through graduation?
11. El spent her early years in a yurt on a commune, how do you think this prepared her for life at the Scholomance?
12. What do you think of the enclaves and their power?
13. El's great grandmother predicts El will bring death and destruction to all of the enclaves, how does this prophecy shape El's life?
14. Orion describes El as a strict mana maleficer, does this apply to her or is it an oxymoron?
15. Why does El really need allies?
16. How do you think Jack's attempted murder of El is a turning point?
17. Who would you want to be in the book?
18. Who is your favorite character and why?
19. Who is your least favorite character and why?
20. Why do you think El and Orion have such trouble connecting with others but they become friends with each other?
21. In real life do you think making one friend makes it easier to make other friends?
22. What do you think of the stakes and the drama in this book?
23. Why do you think El hides the fact that she killed a maw-mouth?
24. What do you think of the battle to save the school?
25. Why do you think the book ended with freshman induction?
26. How did the last line from El's Mum to keep far away from Orion Lake affect the story?
27. Did you like the book?
28. Do you want to read more in the series?