



Book Club in a Bag

Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga

1. What did you like the most about *Seven Fallen Feathers*? What aspects of the book did you find challenging?
2. How do you see the racism embedded in public institutions adding to the problems of Indigenous youth in Northern communities?
3. What more should the federal government be doing to support Indigenous communities across Canada?
4. What role can we play as individuals in promoting justice and equality for Indigenous youth?
5. Talaga asks in the epilogue: “Can the settlers and the Indigenous people come together as one and move forward in harmony?” Discuss this question.
6. What do you think Talaga intended to convey by giving readers intimate portraits of the youths’ lives?
7. How did this book influence your thoughts on the institutional racism faced by Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as the legacy of the terrible harms done by the residential schools?

The above questions were taken from http://www.amnestybookclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Amnesty-May-June-discussion-guide_final.pdf to enhance your discussion of the book.

Author Biography

Tanya Talaga is an award-winning journalist for the *Toronto Star*. She is of Polish and Indigenous decent. Her great-grandmother was a residential school survivor and her great-grandfather was an Ojibwe trapper and labourer. Talaga is the first Ojibway woman to deliver the CBC Massey Lectures. She is an acclaimed storyteller.

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