

God in Drag Reader Discussion Questions

What meaning did you take from the title *God in Drag* before starting the book? After reading the book?

Micah values being honest with himself. Did you find him a reliable narrator of his story? Did you see his story and quest differently than he did? How did he change throughout the story?

Though central to the story, Raj is largely an invisible character. What was your impression of Raj? How did he and Micah impact each other throughout their lives?

What do you think Kate's true motivation was for coming to work at the hospice? How did the experience change her? Her relationship with Darrin? With Micah?

In one scene, Micah tells Kate that people like them come to a place like the Varanasi hospice because they are running to something, running away from something, or both. What are each of the volunteers running to and away from? Do they find what they are looking for? Do they find something else?

Readers have categorized *God in Drag* as a spiritual coming-of-age story, romance, and magical realism, among other genres. How do you categorize the main themes or genres of the story? What do you consider the most meaningful theme or storyline for you?

Much of *God in Drag* takes place in the Charitable Heart hospice, which is loosely based on the author's volunteer experience in Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying in Kalighat/Calcutta. Did you get a sense of what volunteering in a similar hospice would be like? What lessons do you think each of the characters took from their experience there?

Which character's journey did you relate to the most and why?

Varanasi is a city where Hindus might come to die. What role does the theme of death play in the story? How does this theme impact the characters?

What do you imagine happens to the characters after the story ends?

Do you have a favorite quote, scene, or idea from the book? Why does this stand out to you?

What do you think of the book's ending? Was it satisfying? How would you change the ending if you could?

If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?