

Book Club Questions

- The five cadets are at the Academy for different reasons. Who do you relate to the most. Why?
- Which of the cadets do you like the least? Why?
- If you were aboard the *Sunfish*, which job would you want? Navigator, Pilot, Chef, Doctor, Engineer, Security, Communications, Captain, Science Observer? Something else?
- Bill the Great and their friends and allies all act a little strange. They're not quite what we expect from adults. Does this make you want to trust them more or less?
- According to the Feed articles, Bill the Great is either a hero or a traitor. They seem to be in career limbo. The *Sunfish* isn't part of the UG fleet, but they're hosting Academy cadets on a mission. Based on the story so far, what do you think of Bill the Great? Should they be trusted?
- Things would have been easier for Ryan if she went back to the Forge after her mom increased the bounty. Why do you think she didn't?
- The *Sunfish* is a stellar sailing ship with no engine on board. How would this story be different if the *Sunfish* was a starship that readers are used to from other science fiction stories?
- Knowing everything that Bill the Great knows, would you have turned in Nimue? Why or why not?
- Where would you rather be a citizen: the United Galaxies or the Vespuccana Nation? Why?
- What was the significance of Ryan finding her dad's handwriting on a box in the bunker?
- What do you want to know more about the cadets and their homeworlds?
- What were your expectations of the story from looking at the front cover? Did the book fulfill those expectations?
- If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?

- What is the significance of Ryan claiming herself instead of letting Captain Bill the Great claim her as crew? Why was it so important to her to claim herself?
- The book ends in a weird place. The villain is caught. Ryan has found her place. The cadets have commendations in their records, and the turbines are getting repaired. But there's still adventuring to do. What do you think the next adventure is going to be?