Demon Copperhead: participant questions

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Whole-book spoilers. Optional prompts for adult discussion. Pass on any item without explaining why.

Book: Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. Reference ISBN 9780063251922. Your edition / chapter notes: _____

Before full-book spoilers

Which feature of Demon's telling made the opening feel like his account rather than an outside report? | Where did an early joke leave an uneasiness after the laugh?

Q01. When does Demon's wit help him keep control of a story he could not control in life? What does the joke leave visible?

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Q02. Which adult distinguishes care from merely managing a child? Compare actions rather than the adult's stated good intentions.

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Q03. How does the narration make material need concrete? Find a small possession or daily task that carries more weight than a broad label.

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Q04. What does talent offer Demon, and what forms of dependence can grow around it? Keep the opportunity and its cost in the same scene.

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Q05. Where does a system ask a person to prove a need that the reader can already see? How does that gap shape your judgment?

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Q06. How do friendship and survival pull in different directions? Choose a moment when loyalty is meaningful but cannot solve the problem.

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Q07. What happens when an outsider describes the place Demon calls home? Compare the outsider's frame with a detail from his own account.

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Q08. How does addiction change the way time feels in the story? Consider repetition, urgency or waiting rather than diagnosing a character.

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Q09. Where does Demon revise an earlier view of himself? Does the narration mark that revision clearly or let readers notice it gradually?

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Q10. How much possibility does the ending offer without erasing what has happened? Identify a limit that the closing pages retain.

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Q11. If you know David Copperfield, where does the relationship between the books sharpen a question rather than supply an answer?

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Q12. Which part of Demon's voice would be hardest to preserve in a neutral case summary? Explain what that loss would do to the book.

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