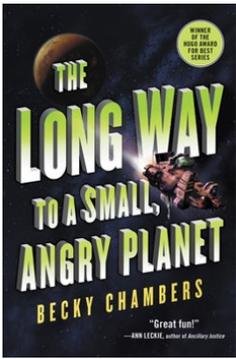




Discussion Guide

About the Book



A Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet

Author: Becky Chambers

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Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
2. Do you read much science fiction? Why or why not? If you do read science fiction, how does this compare to other books you've read?
3. What were the various species that Chambers creates in this book? What did you enjoy about them?
4. Which characters did you enjoy and/or relate to in this book?
5. While this may not be touted as a romance novel, there were certainly elements of unconventional trans-species romance with Ashby/Pei, Jenks/Lovey and Rosemary/Sissix. What did you enjoy about the way they were portrayed?
6. Several times in the book characters make comment on the human species. Did you agree or disagree and why?
7. Chambers does quite a striking job of creating community among the motley Wayfarer crew. What signs did you see that the crew gelled?
8. Do you think Corbin was justified in what he did to Ohan Pair? Why or why not?
9. Do you think that the reality that Chambers creates could have basis in real life? Why or why not?
10. Read over the MAMs comments on this book. With whom do you agree/disagree and why?
11. Will this book change your life or perspective in any way? Explain.

The Author on YouTube

Becky Chambers introduces THE LONG WAY TO A SMALL, ANGRY PLANET – Hodder & Stoughton (4:21) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8fVwP-dtDO>



NANCY: Quite a creative tale of life beyond Planet Earth. Chambers creates quirky, relatable characters who interact in humorous and loving ways in a fantastic and imaginative intergalactic reality. Never a dull moment in this popular science fiction novel.



ABIGAIL: A sobering book as the author projects into a future where human life takes to space after rendering Planet Earth largely uninhabitable. A hopeful story perhaps, that life in space is possible, but it kept me so aware of the gift we've been given here and how important it is to preserve God's amazing creation.



SALLIE: I found it rather intriguing the way she developed the various species and the way they chose to raise their young. Like some would have older people raise the new children. I loved the physical expressions of love in Sissix' species, too. I felt sorry for Corbin and the questions his story raises about cloning.



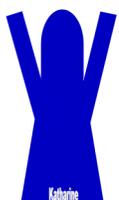
PRISCILLA: Is there no room for Christianity in outer space? Where was God? Did these people believe in anything? It was a crazy book and fun to read, but I found myself wishing there were a spiritual aspect to the story. Didn't God create the universe, too?



MOLLY: I thought the author handled the interspecies tensions well, highlighting how discrimination occurs and builds divisions among people/species. I could relate to this aspect of the story, and I guess it felt good to know that I wasn't the only one that experienced this sort of thing.



JANE: Go ladies! I love the strong female characters in this book. Sissix was a riot and so strong — Rosemary, venturing away from her criminal father and changing her identity — Pei as spaceship captain— And even the AI Lovey. Great job, Becky!



KATHARINE: Kudos to Becky Chambers for this remarkable novel and her alternative realm of space. She must be bubbling with creativity to design and manage all of these unusual characters, interacting true to their cultural differences. A splendid read for English classrooms seeking a taste of science fiction!