



Book Club Discussion Guide

Overview

Thick, Thin, What the Dragon Let In by Doworth Howard is a collection of short stories, rhymes, and reveries that blend playfulness with sharper, sometimes unsettling themes. It invites interpretation. Meaning often sits just beneath the surface, waiting to be uncovered.

Reading Considerations

- **What Lingers?** Which pieces stayed with you—and why?
- **What's Unsaid?** What might be happening between the lines?
- **Tone Shifts:** How does the book move between humor, darkness, absurdity, and reflection throughout?

Discussion Questions

1. How did the brevity of the pieces affect your perception of them?
2. Did moments that felt humorous reveal something darker?
3. What might the “dragon” represent?
4. Did interpretations vary within your group? Why?
5. Which 1–2 pieces stood out most, and why?
6. How did the mix of prose and poetry shape your reading experience?

Optional Activity: The Line You Keep

Have each member bring one line or short piece they would keep, share, or revisit. Read them aloud and discuss.

Closing Question: *What do you think the dragon let in?*

Author Interaction: Doworth Howard is available for select 20-minute virtual book club Q&A sessions. [Contact: Fierce Plum](#).

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