



## SUMMONER: THE NOVICE BY TARAN MATHARU

Here are some key questions and discussion points about the book to get you started:

- The story of Summoner takes place in a world with a long history of war: but while some bear the scars, others benefit from the bloodshed. How does war shape the characters?
- Fletcher's world is fraught with tension between the humans, dwarves and elves. In what ways do these fantasy elements in Summoner reflect the real world?
- When Fletcher enters Vocans Academy, he soon learns that the nobles and the commoners are kept separate. How does this class segregation affect the students?
- Like dwarves and elves, girls have only recently been allowed to train as summoners. What do you think this says about the role of women in Hominum? How do the characters challenge this?
- *The Novice* begins with a bribe: in what ways does the power of money shape the story?
- Fletcher's life is changed forever when he discovers he has the power to summon demons: but he is not the only one. How does magic act as an egalitarian force?
- Fletcher is an orphan, but during his training he learns a lot more about his identity. What is the importance of family in *The Novice*?
- If you could have a demon companion, what would you choose and why?

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