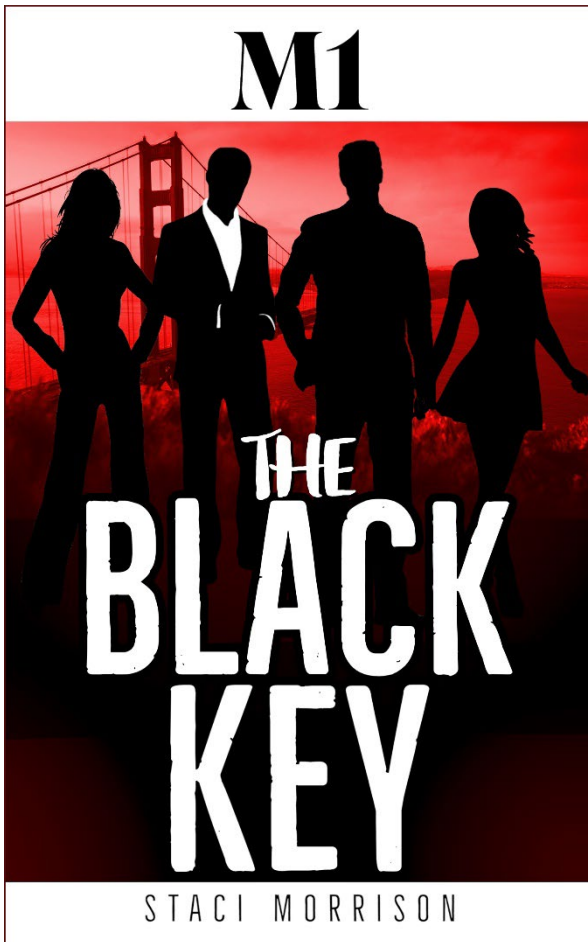


# Discussion Points



MI-The Black Key

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## Setting/Themes

- What was your initial impression of the world of Alanthia and its unique setting?
- The story mixes multiple genres. How would you classify it?
- Have you ever heard about or studied this prophetic time?
- Explore the themes of rebellion and utopia in the story.
- The theme of betrayal and its consequences is prevalent in the story. How does it impact the characters and the overall plot?
- How does the inclusion of religious elements and the concept of faith add depth to the narrative?
- Discuss the role of supernatural elements and how they impact the characters' choices and actions.

## Characters

- Discuss the character development of Prince Peter and Josiah. How do their journeys and experiences shape their personalities and decisions?
- Explore the relationship dynamics between Peter and Josiah. How do their different upbringings and experiences affect their bond as cousins and friends?
- The introduction of Davianna and Astrid adds a new layer to the story. How do these characters contribute to the overall plot and the world-building?
- How do the characters love stories drive the narrative and what is different about their relationships?
- Do you have a favorite character/scene? What stood out to you?

## Pacing and Structure:

- Written from a multiple point of view, what are the advantages and disadvantages of that type of narrative?
- How did the author handle the balance between action-packed scenes and character development?

## Symbolism:

- What do you think “The Black Key” symbolizes?
- The character names are specifically chosen for their meanings, have a little fun and look at the images of a guan on the internet.
- What Easter Eggs did the author sprinkle in the narrative, and did you pick up on any?

## What’s Next?

- M1-The Black Key sets the stage for an epic series. What are your predictions for the future of the characters and the world of Alanthia in upcoming books?
- Who do you want to see more of?
- M2-Rise of the Giants is next in the series. Would you like to return to Alanthia in future meetings?
- If you enjoyed the book, would you consider writing a review? Independent authors always need your help to spread the word.