

"A MARVEL. A THRILLER WITH A BEATING HEART AND JAGGED TEETH."
—TOMMY ORANGE

WINTER

DAVID HESKA WANBLI WEIDEN

COUNTS

A NOVEL



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Would you like to discuss *Winter Counts*?

Use these discussion questions or
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to facilitate your discussion.

- Virgil seems to struggle with reconciling his role as an enforcer with his values. Have you ever been in a similar situation? Is Virgil serving justice? Why or why not?
- What are your feelings about the criminal justice system on reservations? Do you think the U.S. government should change the laws that prevent Native nations from prosecuting felony crimes that occur on their own lands?
- There are other social issues discussed in the book: the problematic health care system on reservations and the lack of healthy food options. What do you think about these issues?
- What aspect of Native American life would you like to learn more about?
- Who was your favorite character? Did you dislike any of the characters?
- Was there a passage that stuck out to you personally as profound or particularly interesting?
- What did you think about the setting of the book, the Rosebud Indian Reservation? If you've never visited a Native reservation, were you surprised by anything described in the book about reservation life?
- How do you feel about the conclusion of the novel? Were you satisfied with the ending? If not, what would you have changed?
- What is your main takeaway from this novel?

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