

Reading & Discussion Questions for *Winner's Curse* by L. A. Starks



1. What is Lynn's motivation in **WINNER'S CURSE**?
2. What is your view of protagonist Lynn Dayton? How is Lynn Dayton like every woman? How is she unique to the present?
3. What was your reaction to the new character Hannah Bosko, and the returning character, Henry Vandervoost, (first seen in **13 DAYS**)?
4. Did **WINNER'S CURSE** describe West Texas in a new way to you?
5. Starks purposely set up multiple antagonists. Did you feel like they worked together or ultimately sabotaged one another? ("no honor among thieves") How did they differ from one another?
6. Which scenes resonate most for you? Why? What are the most suspenseful moments?
7. What surprised you most in **WINNER'S CURSE**?
8. Conflicts are the engines of plot. What conflicts do you see in **WINNER'S CURSE**?
9. What did you find to be most compelling about **WINNER'S CURSE**: the action scenes, the characters, the setting, or something else entirely?
10. Secrets and their unveilings form the core of mysteries and thrillers but also of romance novels and literary fiction. What secrets are revealed here?
11. Although its publication predates the series, **WINNER'S CURSE** has been compared to the later Taylor Sheridan streaming television series, "Landman." How is Landman similar to and different from **WINNER'S CURSE**?
12. What do you see as the message or theme of **WINNER'S CURSE**?