

# FORTUNE FALLS

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## Book Club Readers Guide & Discussion Topics

### **NOTE:**

The following page is an optional guide for readers who like to have a notion of what to look out for in the narrative. This is optional and in no way necessary to understand or enjoy the novel.

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### READER'S GUIDE

Some readers prefer to have some helpful callouts before reading. The below Reader's Guide presents a few questions and suggestions for the reader to think about as they read the novel. It is the individual's prerogative if they want to reference this before reading.

#### WHAT IS MAGICAL REALISM?

Writers.com explains it best:

*"In short, 'magical realism' describes a work of fiction where fantasy slips into everyday life. However, the focus isn't on the fantastical elements of the story, so much as on what those elements mean for the characters. Fantasy often acts as an extended metaphor, externalizing some sort of internal conflict or moral quandary in the protagonist's life."*

#### WHILE READING:

- 1) Take a moment to identify, and put to concrete thought, your reaction to the slot machine.
- 2) Why does the narration seem to pay special attention to brands and material objects?
- 3) When do references or images of masks appear in the story?
  - a. Are there elements that are either mask-like or otherwise suggest masks?
- 4) How does Jason feel about his parents? When does he think about them? When does he try hard not to think about them?