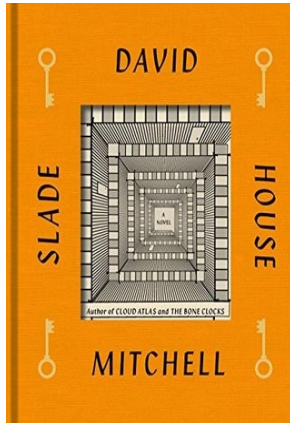


Slade House Book Discussion Guide

2015 Penguin Random House Selection

Biography:

David Mitchell was born in England and attended the University of Kent where he received a degree in English and American Literature followed by an MA in Comparative Literature. He lived for a year in Sicily, then moved to Japan where he taught English to technical students for eight years before returning to England. He is the award-winning and bestselling author of Bone Clocks, Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet, Black Swan Green, Cloud Atlas, Number9Dream, and Ghostwritten. Five of his novels have been nominated for the Man Booker Prize and in 2007 *Time* magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world. With his wife, KA Yoshida, Mitchell translated from the Japanese the internationally bestselling memoir The Reason I Jump. He lives in Ireland with his wife and two children. (from the publisher)



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Discussion Questions:

1. How believable are the characters in Slade House? Which character do you identify with or is it possible to identify with any of these characters?
2. What themes recur throughout the book? How does the author use these themes? Do they work?
3. Is the setting of the book important to the theme? Why? How realistic is the setting?
4. How does the arrangement of the book help or detract from the ideas in the novel? How is the book structured? Why do you think the author chose to write the book this way?
5. Does the book fit into or fight against a literary genre? How does this book relate to other books you have read? Would this book make a good movie?
6. What did the author attempt to do in this book? Was it successful?
7. Were the plot and subplots believable? Were they interesting? What loose ends, if any, did the author leave? Where could the story go from here? What is the future of these characters?
8. What is the great strength -- or the most noticeable weakness -- of the book?