

Further Reading

Everyone Brave is Forgiven (May 2016)

by Cleave, Chris

Shocking her blueblood political family by volunteering for the war effort in 1939 London, socialite Mary teaches evacuated and marginalized children and bonds with her employer, Tom, before their romance is challenged by a painful love triangle and the grueling realities of the war.



Hamnet (Jul 2020)

by O'Farrell, Maggie

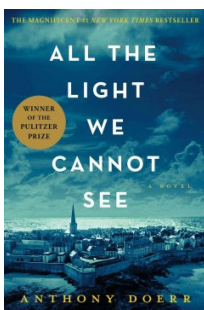
A moving story about the death of William Shakespeare's 11-year-old son Hamnet, and the years leading up to the production of his great play, Hamlet.



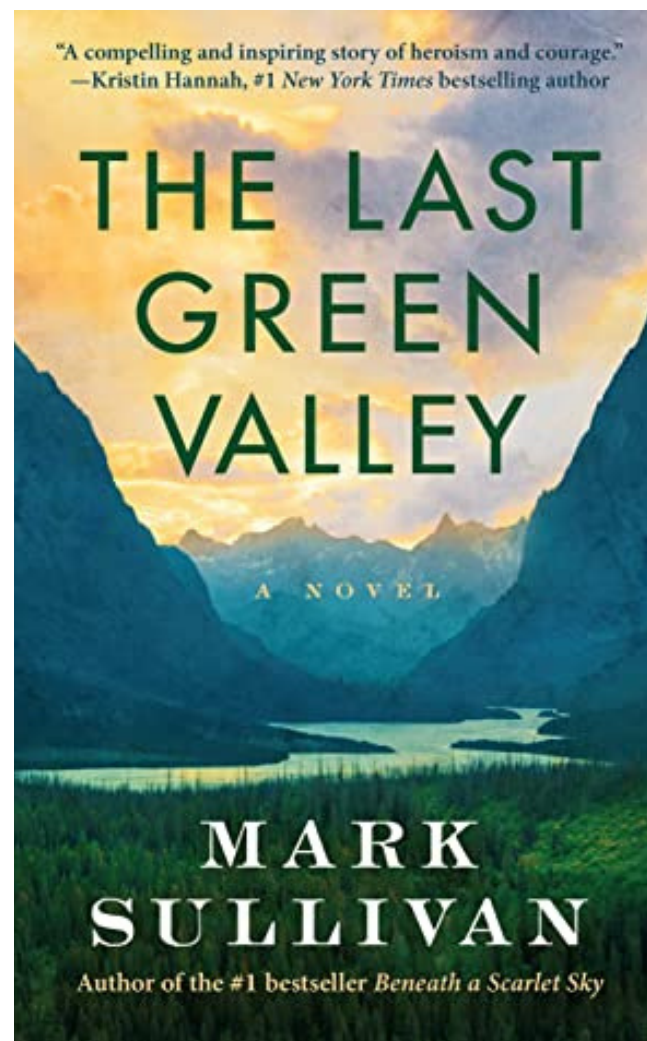
All the Light We Cannot See (May 2014)

by Doerr, Anthony

A blind French girl on the run from the German occupation and a German orphan-turned-Resistance tracker struggle with their respective beliefs after meeting on the Brittany coast.



BOOK DISCUSSION





Discussion Questions

1. *THE LAST GREEN VALLEY* is a work of historical fiction, inspired by a true story. Do you feel that the story is authentic? How well do you think the author told a compelling story while also sticking to historical facts?

2. Have you or your family members lived through World War II? Have you or your family immigrated to the US? How do your memories or family stories reflect the emotions in this book?

3. Given the hardships the Martels had already endured, what emotional reserves do you feel they had to call upon to remain hopeful and stay on their trek to freedom?

4. Rese almost dies after suffering through a horrific accident. Emil almost starved to death and faced an unforgivable ultimatum at gunpoint. The family endures unimaginable peril on their journey and at the hands of the Nazis. What does it mean to be brave in the face of death?

5. There is a moment when Major Haussmann helps Rese after her accident. What do you think the author intended by choosing to portray such an evil man in this light? How did you feel about Haussmann's action in contrast with the ultimatum given to Emil?

6. Karoline is sometimes very cruel to Adeline, who is the mother of her grandchildren. Why do you think this is? What do you think of their reconciliation before they part ways?

7. What are your thoughts on Corporal Gheorghe's philosophy of life and how it influences Emil?

8. When Emil and Adeline are torn apart, what gives Adeline the faith and strength to carry on? What makes her so sure they will be together again?

9. What is your "green valley"?