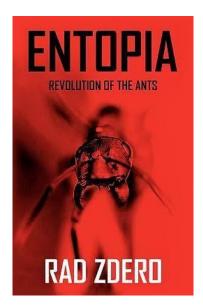
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## **Book Discussion Guide**

Entopia: Revolution of the Ants was written as a standalone book by Rad Zdero and published in 2008 by OakTara. The author has his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering and wrote one other book in 2011.

Entopia: Revolution of the Ants follows the story of a worker ant named Gazer, who witnesses a sacred mating ritual and is placed on trial for her crime. While awaiting her fate, she



has a prophetic dream where she meets a mysterious white ant who delivers an ominous message. After a conveniently timed war takes place and sets her free, Gazer and her friends find themselves in the midst of a revolution led by an underground society. Civil war breaks out and the surviving members of a growing resistance break off to build a new colony. The story concludes with one final confrontation and the chance for peace throughout the land.

Entopia: Revolution of the Ants deals with the society of a typical ant colony and how one ant unwittingly sets in motion revolution for change. There is war, death, betrayal, religion, a clash of ideals, and the upending of a society that was once the only imaginable way of life. The following questions have been constructed with the intent to discuss the book in entomological terms.

- 1. In what ways are the colonies similar to the politics of real world countries?
- 2. Does Entogora's society accurately represent real ant colonies? Are there any examples of species that differ?
- 3. Do you think the lifestyle of Entopia can be sustained indefinitely?
- 4. Which entomological concepts are most prominent in this book?
- 5. What kind of human qualities do the ants have and how does this affect your perception of them?
- 6. How does altruism play a role in both societies and how does that relate to actual ant colonies?
- 7. Do the descriptions and actions of the characters invoke a realistic depiction of ants?
- 8. Are the ants portrayed in a positive or negative light in this book?