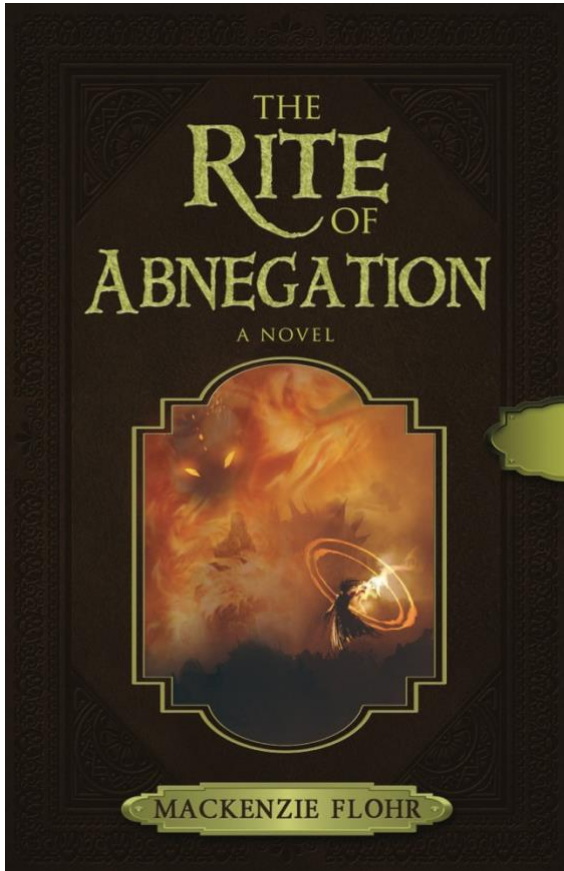


## Discussion Questions for The Rite of Abnegation by Mackenzie Flohr



1. At the beginning of *The Rite of Abnegation*, young Mortain is made to feel that he is worthless. Have you ever been made to feel this way? How did you deal with it?
2. Mortain's mother was so certain that he would fail the Rite of Wands ceremony. Do you think her opinion would have been different had she known Mortain would become a Court Physician?
3. Lochlann feels hurt his father is not present for his Rite of Wands ceremony. Mierta tells him their father wouldn't understand because he's not a warlock. Why do you think Mortain skipped Lochlann's Rite of Wands?
4. Lochlann tells Mierta that he will never perform magic because of something in his future. Is Lochlann right in assuming that by not performing magic that this event will not happen?
5. Why do you think Mierta decided to take on the responsibility of seeking out the Aos Si when he was still needed in the kingdom of Vandolay?
6. When Lochlann approaches the king's guard during sword practice and asks to participate he is made fun of. What should Lochlann have done instead of running away?
7. When Mierta's Mum appeared to him in Cara Forest, do you believe that it was really her, or was Mierta correct in believing that his mind was trying to comfort him during the dying process?
8. Clarinda reveals to Mierta the spell that will rid the world of the Sulchyaes is *petrosani pan war*. Where do you think she learned this spell from? (In the previous question, if you concluded she was never there, how did Mierta remember it?)
9. Do you feel Tarik losing his magical powers in *The Rite of Abnegation* was a fitting punishment or should he have been put to death? Discuss.
10. If you had the choice between being an Apothecarist for the common man or a healing witch from Poveglia, which path would you choose and why?
11. Do you believe Mierta and Lochlann's relationship will change when they learn of Lochlann's true identity? How?
12. How do you believe Orlynd will react, if he should learn Lochlann is actually his younger brother that "died"?