



ISTA Reads Guidelines

Discussion Guidelines:

To create a welcoming and productive space:

- Assume positive intent.
- Listen to understand, not just to respond.
- Speak from your own experience (“I” statements).
- Allow space for all voices
- Disagree respectfully. It’s okay to challenge ideas—but not people.
- Maintain confidentiality. Personal stories shared in discussion stay in the group.

Communication & Conduct

Participants are expected to:

- Use respectful, professional language.
- Avoid personal attacks or inflammatory comments.
- Stay on topic during discussions.
- Follow any additional guidelines set by moderators.

Inclusivity & Accessibility

We are committed to creating an inclusive space:

- All perspectives are welcome.
- Audiobook formats are encouraged for accessibility.
- Participants are encouraged to support local bookstores and libraries when possible.