

Reading Group Guide

Turning Homeward

Restoring Hope and Nature in the Urban Wild

by **Adrienne Ross Scanlan**

1. How did you think about home, place, and the nature around you before reading *Turning Homeward*? How do you think about these issues now?

2. Is there a similarity between the human and animal stories of finding home?

3. Do we have an obligation to repair the world? Is it possible?

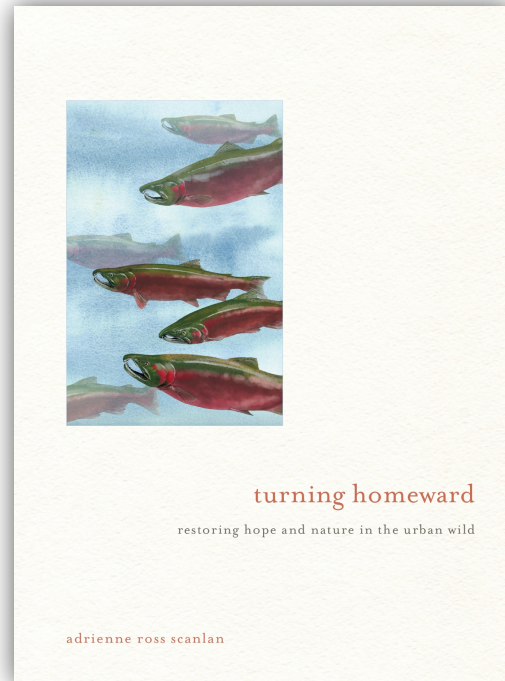
4. What do you think of the book's distinction between wanting to repair the world versus actually repairing it?

5. Scanlan's relationship to nature and home is shaped by her religion. Does religion or spiritual practices influence your relationship to nature, home, or place?

6. What does Scanlan's relationship with her father teach her about nature, repair, and home? What has your family history taught you about these issues?

7. What does the book say about being a newcomer versus a native? Is it better to be a newcomer or a native?

8. What do you think of Scanlan's decision to weave memoir with urban nature and environmental issues? Which interested you more?



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