



BOOK TALK CARDS



THEMES:

- Historical stories
- Families
- Victorians
- Indian history
- Feminism
- Identity

Nush and The Stolen Emerald

by Jasbinder Bilan

Nush is maharani of an Indian kingdom. The British East India Company has already taken land and their most divine jewel – an emerald the size of a small apple. This is her moment to shine – and bring back the emerald.



OUR THOUGHTS

“Well paced, gripping historical adventure story with an engaging mystery. The likeable main female character is strong, brave and intelligent.”

TIME TO TALK

- 1 The Emerald is an important part of the story, what is its significance in both Indian and British contexts? What do you think the emerald is a symbol of?
- 2 What was the impact of the British East India Company on India? What impact does it have on Nush and her family?
- 3 Nush is a strong character, consider her personality and qualities, can you sum up her character in five words?
- 4 There are many themes covered in the book, two of the themes are around identity and feminism. Discuss how the book explores and challenges these themes.
- 5 What do you think Nush is feeling when she finds out her dad has gone? What would it be like living with a different family and in a different country?
- 6 Discuss the motivations of the character Captain West, why do you think the reasons are for what he did?
- 7 Nush has an important bond with her twin brother Arian, what do you think it would be like to have a twin? How is their relationship portrayed in the story?
- 8 What are the differences between India and Victorian England in terms of culture, climate and society?

TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

