

Book Club Discussion Questions

Body of Work by E. L. Wilk

These questions are intended to encourage conversation and reflection about the themes in the novel.

1

Olivia checked the organ donor box years before the story begins. How does that small decision influence the events that unfold later in the novel?

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The novel explores the idea that the human body can become a **commodity**. What ethical questions does this raise about medicine, technology, and ownership of the body?

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Halodern presents itself as a benevolent biotechnology company. At what point do innovation and profit begin to conflict with ethics?

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Many characters believe they are acting for the greater good. Which character do you find the most morally complex, and why?

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Artificial intelligence plays a role in advancing medicine in the story. How comfortable are you with AI making decisions in healthcare?

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The novel asks an unsettling question:

Who owns your body after you die?

How did this question change the way you think about organ donation or medical consent?

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William and Olivia's relationship grounds the story emotionally.

How does their relationship influence the way the reader experiences the larger ethical issues?

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Science fiction and medical thrillers often predict future technologies.

Which ideas in the novel feel plausible today?

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If you were placed in Olivia's situation, how would you respond?

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After finishing *Body of Work*, did your perspective on modern medicine or biotechnology change?

Bonus Question

If *Body of Work* were adapted into a film or series:

- Who would you cast as Olivia?
 - Who would play William?
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Thank you for reading *Body of Work*.