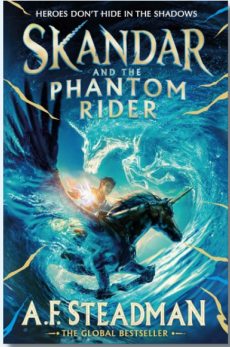


# Skandar and the Phantom Rider

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# BOOK TALK CARDS



## ABOUT THE BOOK

Skandar Smith has achieved his dream: to train as a unicorn rider. But as Skandar and his friends enter their second year at the Eyrie, a new threat arises.



## OUR THOUGHTS

"Action-packed sequel continuing the gritty portrayal of unicorns with inclusive characters on a voyage of personal discovery whilst battling evil. Best read in sequence but really enjoyable with lots of great themes for discussion."



## THEMES:

- Friendship
- Mythical creatures
- Adventure
- Fantasy stories
- Families
- Acceptance

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 Do you like the idea of being a unicorn rider?  
How does that mirror environmental concerns in the real world?
- 2 Skandar has to live separately from his family for most of the year to train as a unicorn rider. Could you make this sort of commitment? If you could learn something amazing? What kind of amazing opportunity would you be willing to make sacrifices for?
- 3 Would you like to go to school at the Eyrie? How does it compare with other fictional schools you may have read about?
- 4 If you were able to join a magical/fantasy school what do you think you might miss from your current life?
- 5 Bobby creates lots of nicknames for Dorian Manning using his initials, like Dastardly Mango. Which was your favourite? Can you create any more?
- 6 The island is facing elemental destruction in this story.
- 7 Which of the elemental dens appeals to you most? Can you imagine lots more wonders to be seen within each den?
- 8 Can you sympathise with Bobby's concerns about being overshadowed by Skandar? Do you think that she could have handled the situation differently or that other characters may have been able to act differently to help prevent her feeling this way?
- 9 When Agatha is talking about the Weaver she says "Her actions cannot be excused, but they can be understood – somewhat." How far do you agree with this statement?
- 10 Do your feelings towards the Weaver change at all as you learn more about her background and her relationship with her sister?

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

