

*the* GLOSS  
SPARKS LIKE STARS

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1. Did you enjoy the book? Rate it from 1 - 5.
2. Did you find the book engaging right from the start? Or did it take some time to become invested in the story and characters?
3. Do you think the author presented believable characters? Did she change your opinion of Afghanistan women, especially the modern-day Afghanistan woman? Did you have a favorite character? Least favorite character?
4. Did you learn anything about Afghanistan's history or the relationship between the United States and Afghanistan? Did the story change your viewpoint of anything?
5. Did any character make you angry? Did you relate to all the characters?
6. Why do you think the guard helped ten-year-old Sitara? How did you feel about Shair re-appearing in her life many years later when Sitara is a doctor, and he is her patient? Do you think she treats him fairly? Why isn't she grateful he helped her escape?
7. Antonia made sacrifices when she adopted Aryana. Why do you think she did it?
8. The book highlights the early foster care system. Discuss how this made you feel? Do you think it was realistic? Do you think the current foster care system has any of these issues?
9. Could you sense the author's deep passion for her country and culture in the writing style? What do you think her most meaningful message was?
10. This is a long book. Were there any sections that could have been shorter?