

# FOLGER BOOK CLUB



## Discussion Questions: *Twelfth Knight*

Folger Book Club—April 2025

1. What did you think of this novel? If asked, what would you say this book is about?
2. Were you familiar with Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* before reading this novel? If so, how did the context of Shakespeare's play inform your reading? If not, does reading this novel make you more curious about the play?
3. Vi often feels overlooked and judged unfairly because of her gender. Have you had this experience? How do you carve a place for yourself within spaces that feel hostile, or do you?
4. Like Shakespeare's Viola, Vi chooses to disguise her identity as a form of protection. Was she right to withhold her identity from Jack? At what point would you have told the truth about who you are?
5. Jack and Vi initially bond because it feels easier to have honest communication through the game. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this kind of distance? Do you think online communities offer constructive discussions, or do they obscure the truth through anonymity?
6. How do Jack and Vi change through the course of the novel? How much of that change is through their interactions? Who else impacts them, and how?
7. In recent years, the genre of Young Adult (YA) fiction has increasingly been recognized for its high quality and appeal beyond teenage audiences. What did you think of this month's choice? Did you have the experience you expected going in?
8. Who was your favorite character? Were there any *Twelfth Night* characters that you wish had been included or featured more?
9. Productions of *Twelfth Night* often grapple with themes of gender and sexuality, as Viola remains at the center of a perplexing love triangle. How did you see those themes and plot elements represented and adapted for this novel? Did it illuminate anything new about Shakespeare's play? What did you think of how the love story was resolved?
10. Many assumptions are made about characters that are then revealed to be untrue. What are some examples? Have you ever judged someone initially, only to have your opinion changed?