

Project Hail Mary

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Book Club Questions:

1. If you had the opportunity to go to space on a suicide mission to help save Earth, would you go? Why or why not?
2. Earth responded to this disaster by putting one person in place with ultimate power. Do you think this was a good approach? Why do you think Stratt was chosen? Did she wield that power well?
3. What were your thoughts when you found out that Dr. Grace was forced onto Hail Mary against his will? Was that a wise decision by Stratt?
4. What did you think of the different nationalities and cultures that were presented? Who was your favorite?
5. Did you relate to Ryland Grace and his actions and thoughts?
6. What did you think of the communication between Rocky and Grace? Consider the initial models that were passed between the ships and then the shared language.
7. Weir created a very alien biology for Rocky. What elements did you enjoy learning about, and which were off putting? Did Weir do a good job of considering the challenges of Humans and Eridians working together (sight vs. sound, etc.)?
8. In what ways are Eridians and Humans the same?
9. Dr. Grace said no to the mission and Stratt took his choice away. Then, when he is faced with a similar choice, he chooses to save Rocky. Why do you think his choice changed? Was it simple character development? Or is it easier to sacrifice yourself for a beloved individual instead of an entire race who are mostly unknown to you?
10. Do you think Dr. Grace ever made it back to earth?