

# BLAZE OF SILVER

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## READING GROUP GUIDE



1. If you were in Will's position, would you have forgiven Kamil for his betrayal?
2. Initially, why does Marissa ask Will to bring her to the convent? Does her motivation for becoming a nun change as the story progresses? Were you surprised by her final decision?
3. Ellie and Marissa butt heads a lot, but can you think of ways their personalities are similar? Did you sympathize with one of these characters more than the other?
4. Elric's quick temper is the catalyst for the fight between the Hartslove men and the German soldiers. Did you find Elric's actions chivalrous, foolish, or a little of both?
5. When faced with the task, Amal can't bring himself to kill Kamil or Ellie. Why? What was your reaction to Amal's suicide?
6. There are many examples of unrequited love in the book. What relationship in *Blaze of Silver* stood out the most for you? What do you think it feels like to love a person without that person loving you back?
7. King Richard does not implicate the German Emperor in the ambush and theft of the ransom money even though the German Emperor is guilty. Why? Is Richard's decision smart in a political sense? In a moral sense?
8. Why does Marissa cut off her long plait of hair when she enters St. Martins? Do you think she felt the same sense of freedom Ellie felt when her hair was cut off by The Old Man's spy?

9. How is Shihab different than Hosanna? Why does the colt make a fitting gift for Kamil at the end of the novel?
10. In today's world, people still fight over power, money and religion. What current world conflicts come to mind when reading the de Granville trilogy? Explain.
11. If you were casting the movie version of the de Granville trilogy, who would you cast in the lead roles?
12. Did you have a favorite character throughout the series? If so, who was your favorite and why?
13. What plot point surprised you most in the series?
14. After reading the de Granville trilogy, what did you find most fascinating about life in the 1100s? If given the chance, would you live at Hartslove?
15. Where do you think the characters go from here? Do you think Will and Kamil will ever cross paths again?