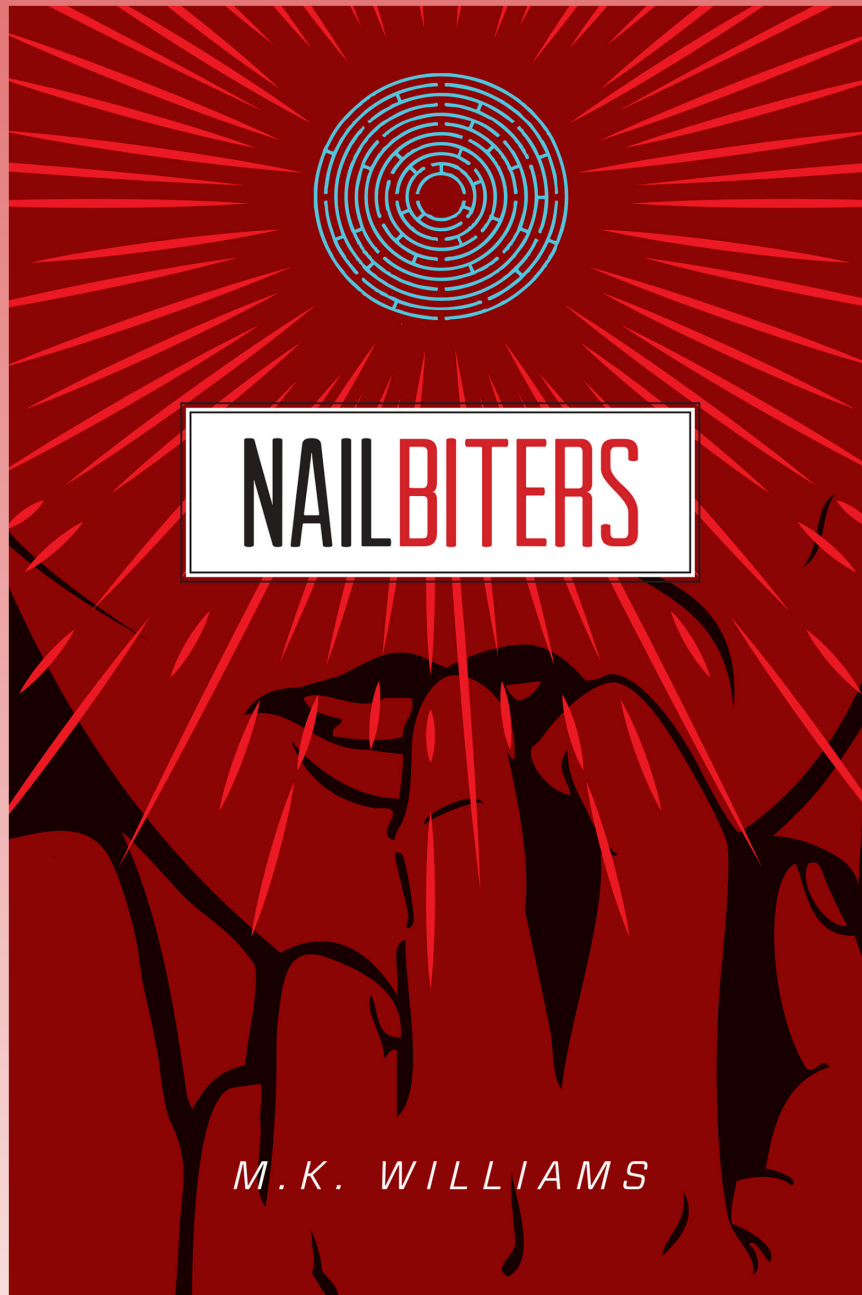


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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1

Throughout the story, Dora is under the control of several different characters.

How does that control impact her ability to decide in her best interest?

2

In what ways are we controlled by others (employers, governments, relationships)? How does that differ from the means used by those who aimed to control Dora?

3

Dora is betrayed several times. Which of the betrayals do you think is the most egregious and why?

4

Gael and Don both take control over others after the invasion. How do they differ, and what similarities do they share?

5

When Barbie, Mitch, and Dora are recaptured they each face a very different fate. Do you think that each person was given what they deserved? What would have been a more just and humane outcome for each of them?

6

Gavin is the only character that is not an adult. How does his fate impact Dora?

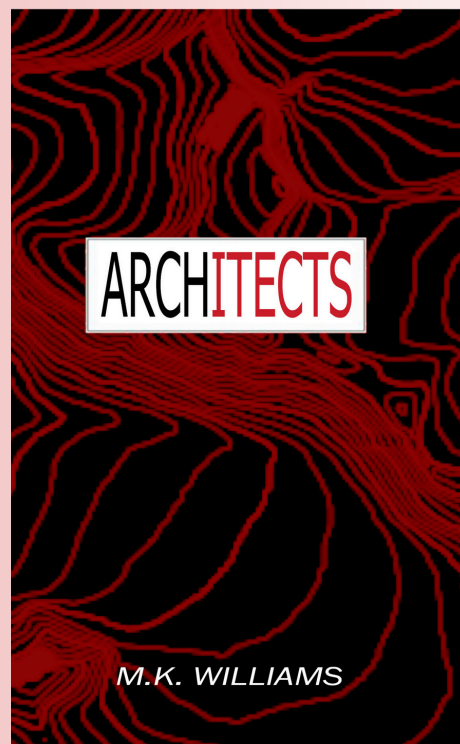
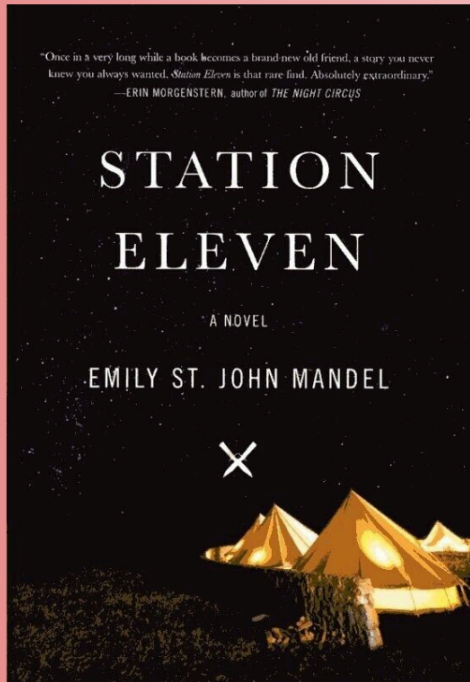
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If you could change any aspect of the ending, what would it be and why?

8

If Mitch had not interfered, Dora would have been subject to torture and had a tracker implanted in her thumb. If Mitch had not taken her from the hospital, she might never have fallen into the hands of Gael. Would Dora have been better off if Mitch had not been able to 'rescue' her from the hospital? If yes, please explain. If not, please explain.

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