



# BOOK CLUB KITS

## THIS KIT CONTAINS

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

### THE WAGER BY DAVID GRANN

- 1) Why did the Wager crash? Was the expedition destined to fail? What were the odds of such an expedition being successful? How did Spain avoid some of the most dangerous aspects of reaching the Pacific?
- 2) Why would someone want to join the British navy in the 1700s? What are the advantages and disadvantages of a career in the navy during this time?
- 3) What are three ways that racism and colonialism impacted what happened with the Wager's crew and how they perceived their experiences? How did colonialism and racism impact events surrounding the Wager and the accounts emerging from them?
- 4) What was the most memorable part of this book for you? Why did it make an impression?
- 5) Read your favorite passage from the book out loud and explain why you liked it or what it made you think about.
- 6) What was the War of Jenkins's Ear? How did that "war" relate to the expedition of the Wager? What was the mission?
- 7) What made this book different than other books on this subject? Do you think it is better or worse than other books on this subject matter?
- 8) How do you view the debates that the crew engaged in before deciding to leave their comrades and, in effect, commit mutiny? How would you have reacted in a similar situation?
- 9) Do you think that the author's trip to Wager Island (except for the Strait of Magellan) affected the authenticity of the book?
- 10) How did the crew view the indigenous people who passed by in their boats?