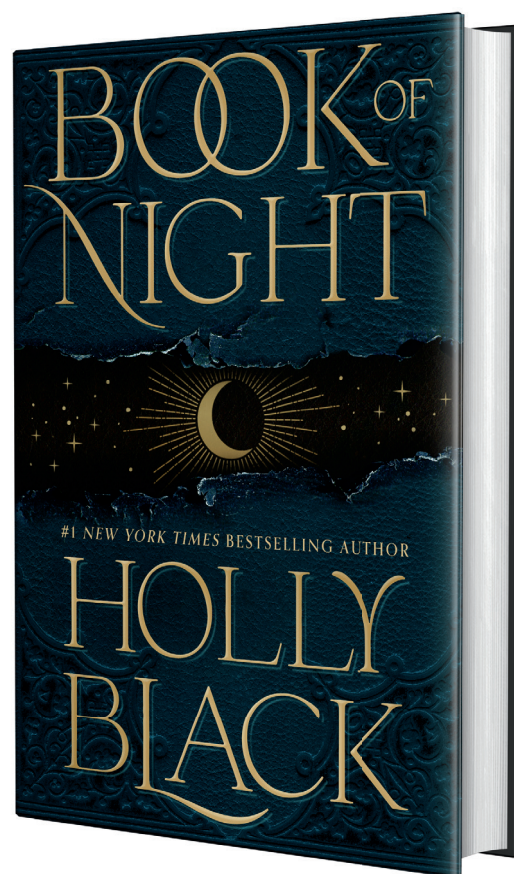


## Reading Group Guide

# BOOK OF NIGHT by HOLLY BLACK



Holly Black is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of speculative and fantasy novels, short stories, and comics. She has sold over 26 million books worldwide, and her work has been translated into over 30 languages and adapted for film. She currently lives in New England with her husband and son in a house with a secret library. *Book of Night* is her adult fiction debut.



1. If you inhabited Charlie's world, and could have your shadowed altered to give you a minor power and look however you wanted, what would you ask for? And if you were a gloamist, which discipline would you choose?
2. From the danger of Blights to the protective properties of onyx and fire, *Book of Night* transports us to a place where security is a rare commodity (while shadows have become a hot commodity). What does *Book of Night* tell us about survival and the difference between those who make it and those that don't? Is the power of love a vulnerability or a strength?
3. How is Charlie affected by her parents' breakup? What does her mother teach her about how not to build a life? How is Rand able to use Charlie's vulnerable state to exploit her?